# Chancellor is cautiously hopeful over pay limit

Mr Healey told the Cabinet yesterday that, judging by the agreements made so far under the present phase of the pay policy, there was hope of holding wage settlements at about the Government's limit. The policy received support during the day when the bakery workers ended their dispute and the busmen and merchant seamen accepted offers said to be within the guidelines.

## Inflation may be cut sooner than expected

have been made yer, but judging by those that have been made ir semed that the figure is running at 11.5 to 12 per cent. That is not regarded as being a serious setback.

Mr Healey said that most of the important settlements would come between Pebruary and

come between February and April next year, and they might alter the prediction a great deal. But the agreement reached on the local authority manual workers' claim, which was within the pay guidelines, is expec-ted to set the pattern for many future settlements, including that of the National Health

Provided the present pattern can be maintained. Mr Hatters-ley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, estimated that the infla-tion rate could be brought down to a single figure by the down to a single figure by the spring, perhaps earlier than has been expected, and that it that the period between Repringive the below a tenth of the remainder of next year, testing time. That was why Again, a strong caveat was entered about the level of next positions. year's wage settlements.

After a three-hour discussion, ministers apparently decided ministers apparently decided that things were going reasonably well and there was no need to consider a change in policy, or to introduce special measures relating to lower-paid workers, who have been the Secretary of State for Employ

He has been arguing for a clan that would give a guaranteed minimum pay increase of about £4 a week to those

By George Clark

Political Correspondent

In a review of progress made so far in the present phase of the pay policy, the Cabinet received a fairly encouraging report yesterday from Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Enchequer, and other ministers directly involved about the prosent sof holding earnings rise can expect an invested the back-directly involved about the Government of holding earnings rise can expect an invested where some the formulation of the first time since 1975.

According to figures given to the first time since 1975.

According to figures given to the for suggesting. According to figures given to the Cabinet yesterday there are no grounds for suggesting as some opposition spokesmen and

Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, have done that the real increase in earnings is running at an average of 17 to 17! per cent and that the inflation rate is bound to increase again in the second balf of next year.

half of next year.

The Treasury has put forward estimates of the consequences that would follow if earnings increase by 10 per cent overall, or by 15 per cent. Mr Healey has said privately that he would reckon the present phase of the pay policy will have been worth while if the final result turns out to be closer to 10 than 15 per cent.

Ministers heard about some " abberrations " from the guidelines, but they were not re-garded as being too damaging

of inflation in the later part of next year.

If was probably for that rea-son that some ministers indicated afterwards that they thought the discussion had been indeterminate and highly specu-lative; bur generally the mood was one of optimism and good

No attempt was made to look ahead to phase four of the pay policy, the assumption being that a general election will take place before that becomes a burning issue.

#### Bakers call off ban on overtime

By Christopher Thomas

The bakery workers' overtime han was called off yesterday and bread supplies will be noralmost everywhere from

opinion among the union's 57,000 members in Eugland and Wales on a revised pay offer that emerged from 11 hours of talks with the employers on

Throughout vesterday the valon's 102 branches telephoned their responses to the head office in Hatfield. The Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union announced early in the afternoon that there was a "massive majority" in favour

to instruct our members to resume normal working forth-

studied by the Department of Employment but the employers are confident that it does not

The Eakers' Federation "xpressed " considerable relief" at the decision.

supplements of £12.90 a week will be consolidated so that they count in overtime and pre-mium pay calculations.

#### Radicals disrupt Rome ceremony

Rome, Dec 22.-The solemn Ceremony held to mark the thirtieth anniversory of the approval of the Italian constiution was interrupted today by leading members of the small but influential Radical

Ceremony was President Leone. The Recicals accused him of betraying the constitution.

## Police initiative fails to halt wave of racial violence against Asians

An increasing

number of racial attacks against Asians are taking place in the East End of London, despite special police measures aimed at preventing them. Michael Horsnell and

Penny Symon report. Mr. Shomoz Ali could no longer stand the agony of racial violence against him and his family after one of his young daughters had been kicked on her way to the shops to buy some ice-cream. For Mr Ali, a Bengali, aged 45, isolated in a community of whites in a coun-

at forcing him to leave.
Stones had been thrown

through his windows, eggs and constoes at his wife and four children, and the whole family had been frequently jostled and abused. Mr Ali went to the Greater London Council and

was rehoused.

The experience of the Alifamily is only one episode in a wave of racial violence against Asians in the area, which reached a peak earlier this year. Inquiries by The Times show that despite a new approach taken by the police in the summer after protests to the Home Office by the Bongladesh High Commission indictable assaults have remained at what community leaders regard as an

alarming level.

cil block in the East End, it was the culmination of a vicious live in the East End to report campaign of harassment aimed all assaults also appear to have failed so far. We also found that a growing number of Asian children, particularly Sikhs living just outside the East End in Leyton and Walthamstow,

are taking part in self-defence classes arranged for them.
Cases of violence against Asians in the East End examined by The Times cremined by The Times include:
An attack on Mr Samad Khan, aged 45, a tailor and president of the Bangladesh Association. He was rushed by three youths, one of whom threw a bottle at his hand, but he escaped. "This sort of thing is commonplace, so I knew it would be useless to report it to the police" he told us. An assult on Mr Shakur Miah.

are incensed by the fact that the attack took place at 5.45 pm in a

Mr Suth Choudhury, aged 27, a waiter, was attacked by four youths on his way to a telephone box. Two of them held his arms while the others punched him in the free.

An attack on Mr Rahat Ul'ah, An effack off Mr Radat U.S., aged 63, by three youths at the critance of the block of flats where he lives. He was left with a broken nose and other facial injuries. It was the second attack he had suffered. Unusually, two

Of all indictable assaults reported to the police last year in Tower Hamlets, the borough at the heart of the East End, comprising the tough districts of Stepney, Poplar and Bethnal Green, about an eighth were against Asians.

a fifth during the first six months of this year, when 42 out of 216 assaults reported to police were against Asians. After consultations with the Home Office the police decided in June to introduce home beat officers to the Spitalfields disrict, one of the most violent. A liaison committee of police local community leaders was set up to encourage Asian victims of assault to report to

the police. That committee has

been meeting monthly since September, but is regarded as unhelpful by some leaders of the Asian community. Staristics being analysed by lawyers and social workers indicate that the rotio of on Asians, who are thought to number up to a fourteenth of the population of Hamlets. decreased since the police intro-

A dossier on the violence is being compiled by Bethnal Green and Stepney Trades Council, which will present it to the police, the Home Office and local organizations in the spring.

Alore than a bundred cases

violence in the past six months have so far been examined. Allowing for a proportion of incidents nor reported to the police and some minor ones, early analysis of the situation shows that little has

altered in recent months. are examining cases to see whether outbreaks of violence can be linked to growing National Front and other antiimmigrant activity in the area.
Mr Golam Mustafa, secretary of Brick Lane Mosque, Whitechapel, told us: "People are frightened to go out because

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#### Union fines postmen for Grunwick blockade

By Paul Routledge

Local members of the Union of Post Office Workers, who defied their pational leadership and imposed a mail blockade on the Grunwick film processing factory, have been fined a total of £1,300 by a union disciplinary

The disciplinary committee es imposed fines ranging from £50 to £500 on lay officials who refused to abide by instructions

The internal union dispute began in August, when the postal section of the union's ondon area council instructed sorters and delivery men not to bandle Grunwick mail after wass picketing began outside

Union leaders, anxious about the effect that such a move would have on their attempt to restore the freedom of postal workers to take strike action in pursuit of a genuine industrial grievance, repeatedly told the rebels not to "black" Grun-

The union's disciplinary committee has fined its district organizer, Mr. John Taylor, £500, and his assignment Mr. Derek Walsh, £400. Further fines of £150 have been levied on two members of the London district course. Mr Edward Lee.

In the Cricklewood sorting office, where the effect of industrial action in support of the Grunwick strikers was to cut off postal deliveries to the NW2 area, two members of the local union committee, Mr. Douglas Taylor and Mr. Derek Saunders, have each been fined £50.

The disciplinary committee, from the union's executive, based its punishment on union instructions that industrial action should not be taken without the express authority of the executive, particularly in the light of an undertaking in the High Court not to interfere with Grunwick's mail. That pledge had been given after legal action taken by the National Association for Freedom.

The officials who have been fined have three weeks in which to appeal against the penalties. Even if their appeal fails they are permitted "time to pay" under union rules. The feeling in senior union circles last night was that the men would not appeal. The

men would not appeal. The union, and its sister in the industry, the Post Office Engineering Union, is relying on government promises to intro-duce a legal right to strike that has apparently been rejected by the courts.

In the circumstances the union feels confident that such internal disciplinary measures will convince MPs that the postal unions want the right to postar dinous want the right to take industrial action in pursuit of their own ambitions on pay and conditions, rather than to stage secondary boycotts for more distant political ends.



bury at Buckingham Palace yesterday. (Court Circular, another photograph, page 12.)

By Kenneth Gosling . Proceedings for libel

being taken by Tate and Lyle against ATV Network over Working for Britain a docu-mentary film, which was shown on the commercial network on Wednesday, ATV said yester-day: "We will strenuously defend the legal action against

The film, produced, directed and narrated by Mr Antony Thomas, was one of a series entirled The South African Experience and it was followed: by a discussion programme. It is understood that Tate and Lyle's legal action is also con-cerned with remarks made by Mr Thomas during the discus-

Tate and Lyle said yesterday: Our concern with the programme Working for Britain, has nothing whatever to do with South Africa or apartheid. We are concerned with the simple question of documentary truth."

The planned showing of the documentary was delayed for a week when Tate and Lyle won a High Court injunction. The injunction was lifted on Mon-

The writ was lodged at the High Court in the names of Tate and Lyle, Mr John Oliver Lyle, irs chairman, and Mr Saxon Tate, its managing director. They are also seeking an injustion of the present further injunction to prevent further publication of the alleged libel or similar alleged libels

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## Tate & Lyle | Christmas alert in Salisbury

Salisbury, Dec 22.—Police maintained throughout have been placed on full elert holiday period, he added. a possible outbreak of guerrilla anacks in Salisbury during the Christmas season. Mr Ian Hogg, the Assistant Commissioner, said today that the attacks could take the form of package or letter bombs or an assault by a group of black

guerrillas. He told reporters that police had received information which led them to believe such attacks were possibly in pre-peration. He warned motorists leaving the capital for country resorts that it would be fool-hardy to travel after dark.

Police teams of men and women now patrol the busy, brightly decorated Christmas shopping areas of Salisbury, checking bags and parcels. The only major guerrilla attack so far made in Salisbury in five years of war between the white minority Government and

nationalist guerrillas occurred last August. On August 6 a package bomb exploded in a package bomb exploded in a city centre store killing 11 people and wounding more than 70. A week later, an explosion damaged a shopping precinct near Mr Ian Smith's office. The incidents jolted Salisbury out of the feeling of relative

while the guerrilla war was fought in remote bush areas.

In the middle of this year, a special operational area was created for the capital itself. Police reservists with shotgums appear almost every day on a street, seal it off and check pedestrians and vehicles. -Reuter. Dar Es Salaam: Mozambique

said today that information obtained from captured spies showed that Rhodesia was preparing another major military offensive against targets in-side Mozambique, using "Mirage fighter-bombers heavy artillery, motorized in-fantry and airborne troops."—

Hard going at talks, page 5 Ismailia.

#### Cabinet backs Begin plan for **Palestinians**

The Israeli today confirmed the contro-versial plan by Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, to offer Pales-tinian Arabs "administrative authority" in the West Bank and the Gaza strip.

The plan is among proposals for a peace settlement which Mr Begin is to present to President Sadat on Christmas Day at their meeting in Ismallia. Emerging from a seven and a half hour meeting Prime Minister told reporters that the entire plan had been approved by the Cabinet unanimously.

The meeting, which had been scheduled to last three hours, turned out to be the longest since the Begin Government took office, causing speculation that some ministers had been

hard to convince.

But Mr Begin told reporters there had been no opposition.

It was a long meeting because we were discussing matters that will determine the future of the nation."

He acknowledged that some

He acknowledged that some minor amendments had been introduced, but soid the proposals were no different from those he discussed in Washington with President Carter.

Mr Begin said he will be accompanied to Ismailia by Mr Bayan, the Foreign Minister.

and Mr Weizman, the Defence Minister, and they will be joined there by the delegation to the Cairo conference. The party will fly to Egypt in a

special El Al flight.

The proposal to grant Arabs self-rule has been criticized by some of Mr Begin's supporters, who feared it would evolve into an independent Palestinian Arab entity sandwiched between Israel and Jordan and that it would threaten security.

During the Cabinet meeting, Jewish settlers from villages in the occupied West Bank who fear they may find themselves outside the Prime Minister's office. Jewish inhabitants in Sinai today asked for a meeting with the Prime Minister for clarification.

The Prime Minister said he would bring a detailed peace plan, including maps, to

abour Reporter

The decision resulted from

of acceptance. A union statement said:
"After consulting the majority
of the executive we find we
are left with no alternative but

The revised offer is being breach the 10 per cent guide-line on earnings rises.

The offer varies for the six groups of bakery workers. For a typical production operative the basic of £28.50 will go up by £4, and £5.05 of the present

Party.
The principal speaker at the

## Busmen and seamen accept 10pc

Labour Reporter
The Government received

Delegates representing staff of the National Bus Company.

ballot of National Union of Seamen members was in favour of accepting 10 per cent, extra leave and a productivity

become clear until the new year Page 13

Sports choice vetoed

The Sports Council's appointment of the Rev Nicolas Stacey as its next director has been vetoed by Mr Howell, Minis-

ter of State for Sport. The ministry has

former international sprinter and finalist in the 1952 Olympics, is director of social services for Kent Page 2

by Minister

By Donald Macintyre

modest encouragement for its pay policy yesterday when settlements were reached with 85,000 busmen and 34,000 merchant seamen

of the National Bus Company, the Scottish bus group and independent operators, voted to accept a 10 per cent pay offer. Representatives of the 6,500 National Union of Railwaymen members covered by the deal voted against acceptance, but a majority of mainly Transport and General Workers' Union members carried the members carried the

## Patrols and precautions dready in operation would be Jail for desecrators of

John Peel's grave Three men convicted of open his grave at Caldbeck desecrating the grave of John Peel, the hamtsman, were each jailed at Carlisle Crown Court, Cumbria, yesterday for nine

They were David Hough, aged 49, a former company director, of Farriers Road, Middle Barton, Banbury, Oxfordshire; Michael Huskisson, aged 24, a student, of Blacksmith Close, Abbotsley, Huntingdon; and Gary Treadwell, aged 21, un-employed, of Ridge Close, Nutley, Sussex.

When they appeared for sentence yesterday Mr Richard Brittain, their counsel, said they had assured him that in future they would take no active part in anti-hunding activities.

Judge Edmondson said that despite the assurances he was certain the men had no regrets.
He added: "This was no sudden impulse but a criminal enterprise, carefully planned and deliberately executed."

He sentenced all three to nine months' imprisonment on each After an eight-day trial cherge, the sentences on each earlier this mooth the three concurrency, in addition each were found guilty of damaging man was ordered in pay £24 Peel's headstone and digging compensation.

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David Robinson on new films in London; 
Michael Church on Working for British 
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Chaillet on A Right Christmas Caper (Shaw 
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# LIMBLESS. LOOK TO **YOU FOR** HELP



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#### Rush to buy whisky Dollar recovers A big rush to buy whisky had som supermarkets reporting that they would be sold out by Saturday. That follows the Distillers' Company's threat to raise on President's prices and withdraw some brands to comply with an EEC Commission ruling support speech

A further rush to buy whisky is expected today The dollar staged a strong recovery yesterday after President Carter said the American government would inter-vene on the foreign exchange markets £200-a-day manager Mr Ronnie Allen, the West Bromwich Albion manager, has accepted an offer in become Saudi Arabin's national foot-ball manager. His contract, for 16 months, is worth £100,000 or £200 a to protect the currency if necessary. He also said steps would be taken to reduce the country's trade deficit and cut the oil import bill. Sterling dropped by nearly three cents on the day to close day, tax free at \$1.855, with the effective rate down 0.4 at 64. However, dealers said the market's view of the pound would not

Harsh' to children The report of a public inquiry into an assessment centre at Salford says that outmoded institutional practices and insensitive and harsh treatment of children should cease. Among allegations found proved was one that a boy was picked up by his head and ears by the warden Page 3

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Western Europe's first man in space will be from a short list of four selected to train for a seven-day spacelab mission in 1980 and announced in Paris by the European Space Agency. The four are an Italian, a German, a Dutchman and a Swiss. Only one will make

Equality pledge

Government measures to ensure that women will receive benefits equal to men's in earnings-related schemes covering sickness, unemployment or retirement will be introduced next year, the House of Lords Select Committee on European Communities says

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Howell veto

of Sport's

Council's

new chief

Mr Howell, Minister of State

for Sport, has vetoed the ap-

pointment of the Rev Nicolas

Stacey as the next director of

the Sports Council. No reason was given in the letter from

the ministry to the Sports Coun-

cil announcing the decision, or to Mr Stacey,

Mr Stacey, a former inter-national sprinter and finalist in

the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, re-fused to comment last night. He

is director of social services for

Kent and has been deputy direc-

The Sports Council, which has an annual budget of £10m

is independent but under its charter must have the minister of state's approval for its director. It met on Monday before putting forward Mr Stacey's name to succeed Mr Waker Wilnerbottom.

Sir Robin Brook, the council chairman, said: "We regret what has happened and that no reasons were given in the letter

from the minister's department. This will inevitably increase the

delay and the uncertainty and auxiety that this creates

council is planned before Christmas. When it does meet

members will have the option of resubmitting Mr Stacey's

No further meeting of the

tor of Oxfam.

## Government is to give women equality with men in pensions and unemployment pay

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Political Correspondent

Government measures to ensure that women will receive benefits equal to men's in earn-ings-related schemes covering sickness, unemployment or re-tirement will be taken next "esr; the House of Lords Select Committee on European Communities says.

The committee has been hearing evidence on an EEC draft directive on equal treatment for the sexes in social security pay-ments. Its report was issued

"Previousl earned pension rights will be protected during the years that a woman may stay at home, and the right to inherit the spouse's pension rights and to build on to those rights will be introduced", the report says. "The result will report says. "The result will be that, in the area of pensions, the United Kingdom will easily fulfil the terms of the draft EEC directive.'

The committee, under the chairmanship of Lady Seear, a Liberal, says that equality of treatment in supplementary and family benefits offered more difficulties. At present, supplementary benefit is supplementary benefit is ciaimed by the head of the family, who, in the case of all married or cohabiting couples, is deemed to be the man.

Newspaper sued

The: management of the Manchester Evening News is being taken to court after sending dismissal notices to more than a hundred journalists. The application for an injunction will take place tomorrow, at a special sitting of the Chancery division of the High Court, in Preston.

All the paper's editorial staff

All the paper's editorial staff were dismissed on Wednesday.

The management contended that they had dismissed them-

selves by working to contract Journalists say they have not

had a pay increase for 20 months. They had agreed to a

10 per cent pay rise provided it was paid by Christmas. But

because payment was delayed they had been working to con-

paper's crime reporter, issued the writ. It seeks a declaration

that a contract of employment between him and the company

has not been ended by either party, and an injunction re-straining the company from acting as though the contract

David Goddard, the

over notices

of dismissal

ments of the whole household are aggregated and treated as his for the purpose of a claim and only he is required to register for work", the report

is not debarred but if he is in full-time work the family is excluded from benefit. We understand that the whole system of supplementary benefits is under review and ways of achieving equality of treatment are being con-

As part of the review, the Government is considering whether supplementary benefit assessment should in future be based on the individual, the family or the household.
"With an individual-based

scheme the report says, the draft directive, if enacted, could be applied to the supplementary benefit scheme without difficulty. With a family-based scheme, equal treatment could probably be achieved with additional complication and additional obligations for women. We favour an individual-based scheme." The committee says the United Kingdom did not pay such high child-benefit rates as, for example, France. Instead,

By Patricia Tisdali

Big increases in whisky sales

were reported by off-licences yesterday after the Distillers Company's threat to raise prices and withdraw some brands from

the British market in order to comply with an EEC Commis-

sion ruling. The Tesco super-market group said it would be sold out of Johnnie Walker Red Label whisky by Saturday. A further rush is expected today, for Dimple Haig, another brand that Distillers appounced will

that Distillers announced will no longer be marketed in this

Commenting on the actions that Distillers is planning to cemply with the edict to stop double pricing, the commission has said that it "in no way requires the company to increase its prices in Britain".

The alternative would have been for the company to have reduced its export price.

Additional moves announced by Distillers vesterday include plans to launch a new brand of whisky to replace the popular Johnnie Walker Red Label.

after price rise threat

that, were the United Kingdom to move towards the Continental system and increase child benefits at the expense of childdependency increases, then some of the inequity would be

The committee says family income suppliment (FIS) in the United Kingdom is sexually discriminating because only the "head of the household" may apply for it and a magnidal woman water in the married woman who is the family breadwinner is therefore

not entitled to receive it.
"The draft directive does not cover FIS and we feel that there is a case for extending its list of contingencies to include the contingencies to include the contingency of low earnings."

In evidence, the committee heard that the TUC and the Equal Opportunities Commission believe that pension entitlement should begin at the same

age for men and women.

The peers urge that an actua-The peers urge that an actua-rial costing of such entitlement should be conducted because they think that some of the assumptions lying behind recent cost estimates have not been valid.

House of Lords Select Committee high child-benefit rates as, example, France. Instead, on equality of treatment for men and women (Stationery Office; child through child- 85p).

The company would give no details other than saying that

ceasing to sell that variety in Europe it can avoid loss of

A full-scale inquiry into the future of the whisky industry, including tax rates, exports and EEC rulings, was called for by Mr Taylor, shadow Secretary of State for Scotland and Conservation MP for Carboart in

servative MP for Cathcart, in

Glasgow yesterday, Other MPs, including Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for

Hemel Hempstead, and Mr Bryan Gould, Labour MP for

Southampton, Test, also objected to the threatened in-

Distillers has already started

name or choosing a new nominee from their original short-list of eight. Mr Howell's office said the reasons for all appointments that were made or not made were always kept confidential. Big rush to buy whisky

#### Policeman and soldiers the project was only at the drawing-board stage at present. Meanwhile, Distillers, which is the largest of the Scotch whisky producers, is hoping that by pegging the price of Heig, another of its brands, and cassing to sall that variety in hurt in Belfast

A policemen and at least two soldiers were injured in two explosions in Belfast last night. They were trying to clear part of Lisburn Road when the bombs, left outside shops, ex-ploded. Both shops caught fire. policement suffered serious leg injuries. The soldiers were struck by bomb splinters but were not thought to be seriously hurt. Earlier yesterday two bombs exploded outside a furnishing store in Shore Road, A warn-ing was given and no injuries

Raiders thwarted Bullet-proof glass surrounding the wages staff saved the preparing an application to the Price Commission to raise the prices of some brands.

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Armed handed. Christmas pay packets of St James's Hospital workers, at Balham, London, yesterday. Armed raiders fled empty-

were reported.

duty in meeting us, but that does not help the person arracked in the streets."

The police said statistics were not kept on prosecutions for assault against Asians. Chief Inspector John Washs, community liaison officer, accepted that Asians were subjected to racial violence, but defended

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of the danger of being beaten

up in the streets, and they

really believed that something

was being done when the

"As a community leader, I

am constantly being asked for

advice on what is being done to

help us. I am asked who has

been arrested for the assaults.

have to say that no one has

Mr Mustafa's sons, aged 10 and 12, are learning self-defence. "The committee is simply a talking shop", he added. "We talk to the police, they feel they have done their more than the start of the star

liaison committee was set up.

police action taken as the most suitable for dealing with the situation. to be launched soon to ensure that the local community get

to know the home-best officers assigned to protect it. Leaflets with their pictures will be distributed, giving details in several languages on how to make contact with them.

The Ali family, who were forced by harassment to leav

Trades council preparing

dossier on race violence

But difficulties traditionally faced by the police in dealing with violence against Asians persist. Mr. Walks said; persist. Mr. Walles said; "When an assault happens we often have the greatest difficulty in gening them to assist us. Many of them do not speak English. When we want them to identify an assaulant, to go to court to give evidence, they to court to gave evidence, they are very reluction to do so.

"Recadism exists in the East End and the Bengelis get their share of it, but there is a great deal of exaggeration about the extent to which they suffer. It is not a place where people walk in fear.

Minister told of progress in

# thalidomide doubt cases

semed Mr Morris, Under-Secre-tary of State for the Disabled, resterday with details of how it is dealing with 118 cases of children who may have been damaged by thalidomide but who have not been compensated.

The company has accepted responsibility for 20 of rhose children, upon evidence that they were injured "as a result of maternal ingestion of a Distillers' product", the report

says.

In 45 cases the company has heard nothing since 1974, when it was notified of their existence. Details then were sparse.

Motor insurance

More than a million motorists face a 9 per cent increase in insurance premiums from February 1. Announcing the proposed rise, General Accident Fire & Life Assurance also said that it could not rails out a

that it could not rule out a further adjustment later next

year because of an increase in the frequency of claims and the rising cost of accident repairs and court awards for injuries.

The group's rates were raised by 12 per cent last February.

A redesignation of premium

General Accident, Britain's

Presley fan's suicide

Two prisoners escape

Mr Bernard Pearl, the

rating areas, however, means that motorists living in Suffolk,

premiums to go up by 9 per cent By Our Financial Staff

Fifteen cases have been examined by an independent medical panel set up under Dr. Gerard Vanghan, Conservative MP for Reading, South, but the opinion of the panel, "has been withheld from Distillers or supplied in an abridged or inadequate form".

supplied in an abridged or inadequate form "

Where medical evidence
abour any child conflicts, the
company has proposed that the
case should be referred at the
company's expense to Professor
W. Lenz, an independent expert, "the world's leading
authority in this field."

Professor Lenz has examined
three children and considered
two to be thalldomide cases.

## Police think arsonist caused woman's death

in a fire in a flat over her locked out of fire stations and shop at Wisbech, Cambridge prevented from getting at life. shire, was thought yesterday to be the victim of an arsonist who has tried to burn down three other shops in the town in the past 10 days

Cambridgeshire police began a murder style inquiry into the death of Mrs Lilliam King. aged 80, who was suffocated by smoke in her home in Little Church Street on Wednesday

The police said yesterday that the first two arson attempts were on December 13, when damage estimated at £580 was caused to a Wimpy bar. On December 18 burning material was pushed through the letterbox of a shop, but died out without causing Det Chief Supt Charles Naan

said: "The seat of the fice in which Mrs King died appears to have been near the front door, and in the absence of other evidence we assume that this was a further attempt by an arsonist to burn the shop down."

Extra policemen from the
Cambridgeshire force were
moved into Wisbech yesterday
to reinforce day and night

The police yesterday were investigating a fire that badly damaged an empty Carlsberg brewery warehouse at Northampton. The building which is listed as of architectural interest, may have to be

Firemen prepared to break

elderly widow who died the strike to save gives are being saving equipment a Fire Brigades Union official said Brigades yesterday, Mr Anthony Morris, chairman of the West Sussex branch of the union, said: "We feel that the county council must take full responsibility for any tragedy that may result

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West Sussex County Council aid: "Security at fire stations said: "Security at fire stations has been stepped up after a break-in at Horsham fire station, where boots and protective clothing belonging to part-time firemen were tampered with.

Mr Morris said: "The county council has secured fire stations in such a way that we cannot gain access without breaking in." He added that the police nad confirmed that if striking firemen did break stations for vital life-saving equipment they would be hable to prosecution.

Four detachments of detainees from Colchester Military Corrective Training Centre are taking over fire duties from men of The Stalfordshire Regiment who are being sent on Christmas leave from Clacton and Dovercourt. The men, serving up to one year's detention, will be confined to their bases during off-

duty hours.

Leaders of striking firence in Leicester are to urge their union today to recall the delegate conference to work out new tactics so that pay negotia-

## Miners may act against a part-time fireman yesterday that Mr Taylor had said he could not ignore a fire where life and limb were endangered. "But we have a letter from the Fire Brigades Union making just that point. So his argument falls on that score "he said."

From Tim Jones

Mr Robert Taylor, a miner, has been causing embarrass-ment to the National Union of Mineworkers in South Wales by insisting on his right to continue as a part-time fireman during the strike by members of the Fire Brigades Union. In spite of union instructions

to the contrary, Mr Taylor has been turning up for duty at Blaina fire station, Gwent. In a tactical move designed to give him a final chance to consider his position, the executive decided to send miners to man the picket outside the fire station alongside Fire Brigades Union members. If Mr. Taylor decides to cross that picket line the union will consider with-drawing his union card, which

score", he said.
"I should not like to predict
what would happen to him if
he crosses our picket line. We
shall be asking national officials for legal clarification. Unfortun ately, Mr Taylor seems to be enjoying the embarrassment he is causing to the trade union movement. I should not like to be him in the weeks ahead."

Mr Taylor has said that he is not prepared to give any assurances because his conscience would not allow him to "I do not see how the National Union of Mineworkers would make him utemployable in the closed-shop industry. Mr Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners, said

can get involved because it is something I do in my spare time"; he says-

## Mobility cash for Down's boy sets no precedent

The successful campaign that established the right of a mentally handicapped boy of 12 to receive mobility allowance does not mean that all people with his condition, Down's syndrome, automatically qualify for benefit

That is the verdict of Mr Rawden Temple, the chief. National Insurance Commissioner, who last week dismissed an appeal by the Department of Health 'and Social Security against the award of mobility allowance to Robert Edmuads, of Worcester, who has Down's syndrome and walks only a few

His parents first claimed the allowance for him 15 months ago but found that the department planned to oppose it. Mr Morris. Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled, said it

a point of law and uniformity, consistency and equity in awards. He had hoped the bey would win.

Mr Temple, who had finding in favour of the boy, said: "I have by no meaus decided that all sufferers from

his complaint are qualified to receive mobility allowance. I do not regard the appeal as being decisive of any other case". The rules for entitlement to mobility allowance state that an applicant should be unable or virtually unable to walk through physical disablement.

To some people, that seemed to disregard the physical implica-tions of various forms of mental handicap, including Down's syndrome, which frequently means that the sufferer has mobility difficulties.



## Buzby's helpful hints on festive phone calls and telegrams to nearest and dearest

"I'm phoning all the people I'm not seeing over the holiday to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. After all, it's Cheap Rate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day (except in Scotland), and New Year's Day.

However, I'm going to bear in mind that on Christmas Day (New Year's Day

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calls to places which cannot normally be dialled,

cannot deal with any other kind of call or enquiry.

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places. Except in cases of emergency or distress they

in Scotland) a lot of the operators will be with their families and services will be restricted. I've noted the various arrangements you can see below and I'll also make sure I've got any information I need from Directory Enquiries well before the holiday."

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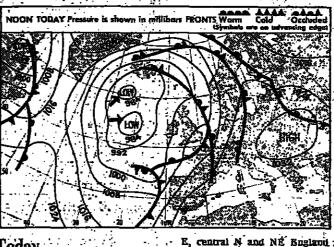
Inland Telegrams can be accepted by telephone at any time during the holiday but delivery will be limited as below.				
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To addresses in Scotland	Life & Death only	Sunday service	Sunday service	
Telegrams to be delivered on days when there is a Public Hollday or Sunday service must be handed in by				

9 a.m. on those days. For telegrams to the Irish Republic please check with the telegram operator.

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## Weather forecast and recordings



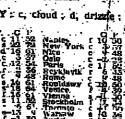
Salop and parts of Oxfordshire, Lancashire and Powys will not-be affected by the rise. The exemption applies to between 50,000 and 70,000 drivers. largest motor insurer, with more than 11 per cent of the market, is also to increase the maximum vehicle indemnity value from £4,000 to £5,000. But 5.47 am 2.58 pm Full moon: December 25. Lighting up: 4.25 pm to 7.35 am. High water: London Bridge, 12.17 am, 6.9m-(22.8h); -12.38 pm, 6.9m. (22.5h). Avonanouth; 5.39 am, 11.7m. (38.3h); 6.5 pm, 11.9m. (39.0h). Dover, 9.43 am, 6.9m (19.6h); 10.10 pm, 6.1m (20.2h), Hull, 4.31 am, 6.4m (21.0h); 4.57 pm, 6.7m (22.0h). Liver-pool, 9.56 am, 8.4m; (27.7h); 10.12 pm, 8.5h; (27.7h). value from £4,000 to £5,000. But excess rates for cars valued at more than £5,000 will be increased by 50p to £5 on a comprehensive policy. For third party, fire and theft the excess is to be raised by 25p to £2,50 for each £500.

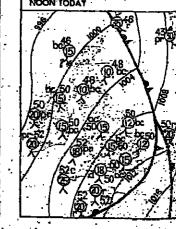
A mild SW airstream persists ith troughs moving across the mired Kingdom. London, SE, central S and SW England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands, Rain at times; wind SW, moderate, increasing fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Hornsey, London, yesterday, that Paul Ashman, aged 17, of Edmonton, killed himself. An Elvis Presley fan, the youth swallowed cyanide after the singer's death. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: C Two prisoners escaped from Shepton Mallet Prison, Someri-set, yesterday by forcing a window, climbing on to a roof-and using knotted wire to descend to the street, the Home Office said.

W Midlands, Wales, NW England; Lake District, Isle of Man:
Rather cloudy, rain later; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).
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## Public inquiry condemns harsh and insensitive treatment of children at assessment centre

Salford Social Service Committee yesterday accepted the report of a public inquiry, published earlief in the day, saying that outmoded institutional practices add insensitive and harsh treatment of children at the Moorfield observation and sament tentre in the city

The inquiry was set up in May this year after allegations of barsh treatment of children decisions on future accommodation or treatment.

One of the allegations was that a boy had been picked up by his head and ears by the warden, who, with the deputy warden (his wife), had been cave since the inquiry began. The social service com-mittee decided vesterday that the warden should return to his

The inquiry report says it was understood that instructions had siready been given to end the outmoded practices and harsh treatment, including corporal unishment, compulsory cold aths and forcing of children to eat unwanted food.

It found proved allegations that a boy was picked up by his head and ears by the warden "in totally unacceptable circumstances"; that on a few occasions boys were punched or kicked ("this was not a regular feature of the regime but is totally unacceptable"), and that slapping and slippering of boys was a regular but not frequent

feature of the regime.
It rejected an allegation that children were knowingly forced to eat food tainted with their own vomit, although it agreed that on a few occasions children were sick as a result of being forced to eat food to which they were unaccustomed, and that on at least two occasions, probably more, they were still made to finish off the food on their

plates. That was inexcusable, signed and another is appealing

It says of the warden, Mr John Rodley, aged 50, and his wife, Dorothy, that they did adopt a caring approach to the children. "We heard many tributes to Mrs Rodley's successful attempts to be a mother figure and to her husband's similar attempts nor always quite so successful, to be a

father figure, if perhaps a strict one", the report adds.
Of the "ear-lifting" incident, it says that Mr Rodley thought held" at the centre awaiting he could ridicule a boy aged 13 out of supposed homosexual tendeucies. The boy was something of a show-off and did passably good imitations of Frank Spencer, the television char-

> Mr Rodley heard of his dancing in a bedroom, and next day told him to repeat the perform-ance in front of children and houseparents. When the boy hesitated Mr Rodley picked him up by his ears (or by his head and ears) in such a way as to make him cry out in pain and later lie on his bed crying hysterically.

Ar its meeting yesterday the social services social services committee agreed that Mr Rodley should return to the centre as warden under supervision in January, with a rider that the committee should be kept informed about bis further training. Mrs Rod-ley is to take up a lower-paid post as marron of another assessment centre. She will be in charge of domestic staff and directly responsible for child-care.

The committee also decided that punishment books must be regularly kept and open to in-spection, and that morried couples would not in future be appointed jointly to the senior posts in residential homes. It was confirmed vesterday that a further incident had occurred at the home in Octo-ber, in which a boy was hurt. Two members of the staff were disciplined, one has since re-

against disciplinary action. The inquiry committee also suggested that Salford should set up a working party to consider the city's press and public relations arrange original allegations became public after information had been supplied to The Guardian by a former employee of Salford City Council, and the news-paper published an article after unsuccessfully troing to obtain balancing information about any action being taken. (In fact an internal inquiry had been had also been complaints by been held after complaints by

members of the staff.)

members of the staff.)

The report says the newspeper was totally justified in publishing the article and the fact that it was incomplete and demaring lay with "defective procedures for dealing with exitimate press inquiries".

The public inquiry was arranged within a few hours of the appearance of the newspaper article, although its first paper article, akthough its first sitting had to be delayed until the police and the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided that no criminal proceedings were likely.

If full information had been

If full information had been given, as it should have been, it would have been, it would have been, it would have revealed that the social service department had done nothing of which it had cause to be ashamed, and much of which it had cause to be proud, in investigating the complaints; and no resulting publicity would have been damaging to the reputation of the city of Salford and no public inquiry would have been necessary, the report save.

The social service committee was also advised to clarify and define what it meant by its own

define what it meant by its own formal ban on corporal punishment, and to seek clarification from the Department of Health and Social Security of some of irs regulations, which members of the inquiry committee, headed by Mr B. A. Hymer, OC, admitted they could not under-

on the way the minister laun-ched a £1m campaign on Tues-

On the basis that the proof

lieved or than the number of deaths indicate.

The report says that in Britain unlike most other countries, there is no requirement that electrical appliances should be sold with plugs: already fitted. Fitting a plug "is fraught with danger" for the Court ruling The report advocates; that the on knife man upsets MPs

A court decision to acquit a man of having an offensive weapon when he carried a knife was "full recognition of the breakdown of law and order", Mr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, said yesterday.

It was also a further threat

It was also a further threat to breakdown if everybody was expected from now on to carry a weapon for his self-protection if he moved into certain areas in London, he added.

The case concerned a factory worker who told Marylebone megistrates on Wednesday that he had carried a knife for protection in an area plagued by

muggers.

Mr Boyson said some of us have been warning for years that law and order was rapidly breaking down in Britain. He urged Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, to increase police pay and recruitment immediately. He also demanded heavier sentences for muggers. heavier sentences for muggers. If such action was not taken, the man and woman in the street would consider the court decision to be a scence to carry weapons for protection in Britain's cities, he said.

Mr Edward Garrett, Labour MP for Wallsend, said he was appalled at the magistrates' decision and suggested that the Home Secretary might inter-

Mr Kenneth Warren; Tory MP for Hastings, said: "We are frightened about the develop-ment of disorder in the streets but to encourage people to take up arms will make life even more dangerous."

"The police may appeal if they feel the decision is perverse." The Law Society said the magistrates had apparently decided that the knife was not an offensive weapon because the man used it in his work. "It is still an offence to carry an offensive weapon, even if you live in a dangerous area."

Christmas without breath tests in Ireland

From Christopher-Walker

The Irish Republic, a country internationally renowned both; for its erratic driving and for its enthusiastic drinking habits, faces the worrying prospect of its first Christmas without breath test law since 1968.

After years of sustained lingal assault against the provisions of the Irish Road Traffic Act the Director of Public Prosecu-tions rule I last month that all proceedings in drink and-driving cases where this only evidence is blood alcohol level were to be dropped indefinitely. The law had frequently been uspended for short periods

and a complex constitutional argument over the validity of blood tests led to a Supreme Court case which the state lost.

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Even when the tweath test law was in operation it permitted linish drivers to the more alcohol than their British counterparts. The limit was drawn at 125 milligrams a 100 millitites of blood (compared with 80 mg in Britain), officially described as the equivalent for an 11st man of drawking four pions of Cuinness or six small whisties in two hours.

But it is generally accepted that the judiciary's dislike for the mandatory 12 months suspension from driving contained in the law led to its final scrapping.

ping.
Initially the Government had hoped to introduce new legislation, based more closely on the British model, by Christmas. But the revised law has still not bean drafted, and instead Mr Barrett, Minister for the Environment, is making a series of nealthour television ameals. of peak hour television appeals on the dangers of drinking and

driving.

A recent survey indicated that almost half the Irish drivers killed in road accidents aften dark had drunk more than the legal limit. Minister criticized: Mr Alexander Morrison, Chief Constable

of Grampian Region, yesterday accused Mr Rodgers Secretary of State for Transport, of in-troducing "an atmosphere of permissibility" into drinking and driving.

Mr Morrison was commenting

day to dissuade people from drinking and driving. Mr Rodgers drank a whisky and took a breath test which showed his Mood-alcohol level to be 37mg.

He was concerned to empha

size that even with such a small amount of drink his driving would be impaired. But the chief constable said: "It introduced an atmosphere of per-missibility into the situation, and I think that is basically wrong."



Schoolchildren at grace before a seventeenth-century meal of broth and oatcakes in Clarke Hall, a farmhouse at Stanley, West Yorkshire, built in 1677 and now used by the local authority as a museum. While the children are there they play Stuart-period games.

#### Organizers of permanent opera company for the North take a musical gamble As Mr David Lloyd-Jones, the administrator are already being

By Our Music Reporter As work begins on the creation of a new opera company for the North of England, the English National Opera North, at Leeds, it has become clear that it may be one of the biggest gambles in recent musical

history. For the first time since the Covent Garden company was set up after the last war a permanent opera company is being established in one swoop: orchestra chorus, singers and staff are all being engaged eady for the first performances next November.

The finances for the first season have been underwritten by the Arts Council, but in the second year the onus will be on local authorities in Yorkshire to find the necessary money for the company to survive. While the Arts Council will

provide a proportion of the cost for the second and later years, the local councils will have to find perhaps £250,000 or £300,000 a year to keep the company in operation.

of the pudding is in the eating. Yorkshire will be able to sample the wares before deciding whether to foot the bill.

company's artistic director put it: "The Yorkshire and an orchestral manager, an northern organizations are go orchestra luader and a chorus orchestra leader and a chorus manager; "the three posts that will make or break the whole ing to see the performances pre-sented by the company for at least a year; then they are go-ing to be asked to put their hands in their pockets and sup-

port it to the hilt." English National Opera North will cost about £450,000 in its first short season, and thereafter at least £1m a year. Box office takings should meet a third of the cost and the Arts Council will provide four-ninths of the remainder.

Mr Jack Phipps, the Arts Council's director of touring, said most of the rest would have to be found by the local authorities, particularly West Yorkshire County Council and Leeds City Council, although South and North Yorkshire and Humberside county councils will be pressed to contribute. Business and private donations

Mr Lloyd-Jones is neverthe-less confident that the new venture will be an artistic success and will attract support, and he is swiftly build-ing up the team to rule the new ing up the team to run the new

will be sought.

Applications for the post of

Auditions for the orchestra of more than 50 and the chorus of 38 should start in the spring,

The speed with which the new company must be set up was necessary partly because the Arts Council could not announce its grant very far in

Mr Lloyd-Jones pointed out that the birth of the company next November would coincide with the centenary of the Grand Theatre in Leeds, which will be its new home.

Initially the company will draw on the English National Opera, the parent opera com-pany in London, for the bulk of the productions and company of its productions and singers of its productions and same s, but he said they would have their own core of perhaps mine principal singers. Some smaller roles should be taken by members of the new chorus.

There may be some singers from abroad, but Mr Lloyd-Jones hoped that the company would create its own stars in Leeds.

### MP's call on police chief discipline

Mr Recs, the Home Secre-tary, was urged yesterday to establish new machinery supervise the discipline of chief constables and other senior police officers.

The demand comes in a letter from Mr John Ryman, Labour MP for Blyth, after the dismissal of Mr. Stanley Parr as Chief Constable of Lancashire, found by the Lancashire Police Com-mittee to have misused his posi-

Mr Ryman said: "The events leading to his dismissal on the grounds of showing favouritism, abuse of office, and improper use of police transport disclosed a most disturbing state of affairs. In recent years the public have seen too many scandals involving very senior police officers.

Public confidence in the police was being progressively undermined, he said. "Junior police officers walk on a disci plinary tightrope every day of their working lives. "In the public interest it is

absolutely essential for the Home Secretary to establish new machinery to deal with chief constables who fail to con-form to the high standard of behaviour the public expects of

#### New council | Sharp rise in home deaths for national parks formed

By a Correspondent

A new organization has been formed to protect national parks in England and Wales. The Council for National Parks has emerged from the Standing Committee on National Parks. Its prime purpose is to make sure that the twin aims of national parks, the preservation and enhancement of natural beauty and the enjoyment of the parks by the public, are successfully pur-

Membership in the council comes from more than 20 amenity and outdoor recreation organizations throughout tion organizations throughout England and Wales, including the Council for the Protection of Rured England, the National Trust, the Ramblers' Association, the Youth Hossels Association and the British Mountaineering Council.

One of the main issues with which the council will be conterned is collecting evidence for the Advisory Counil for Agri-culture and Horticulture, which has been asked by the Minister of Agriculture to advise on ways to reconflict the conflict between the national interest and countryside, recreation and conservation and the need for commic agricultural produc-tion. The council will be urging the ministry to "give priority to conservation goals then making grants in particularly sensitive areas of national

The council will also collect evidence for the Com-mons Expenditure Commiturging the use of the National Land Fund for the purchase of land within national parks by the national park authori-ties as a way of ensuring the fund's use for conservation or recreation purposes.

One of the council's main concerns will be the review of edministrative arrangements for the national parks, which has been promised by the Govern-ment for 1981. The council believes that the national park committees and boards have less independence than is re-quired for them to carry our their duties successfully, and there are recent indications there are recent indications that county councils want to turb even more the actions of

Miss Linda Herbst, the countil's secretary, said yesterday: "With national parks sup-Ported 75 per cent by national fands, they must not be allowed to be run by county councils."

#### Murder attempt charge

against matron

Helen Messer, aged 38, the matron of a nursing home, who has been accused of killing a woman patient of \$1, was also harged yesterday with her attempted murder. The new harge was made after Mrs Messer had appeared before magistrates at Bolton, Greater Manchester, on a coroner's warrant accused of the man-slaughter of Mrs Mary Newton at the Ladymead Private Home, Monor Road, Taunton, alleged in July last.

Mrs Messer, of Westwood Road, Bolton, was further harged with the attempted murder of Mrs Newton and with three drug offences. She will face the four new charges when she appears before the court again on January 19. She

#### from electrical accidents By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent Last year 59 people died by electric shock in home accidents, a sharp increase on the 46 who died in 1975 and 43 in electric blanket fires and five by television-set fires, the report notes, "have a background of thousands of non-fatal fires". Results of a survey suggest that shocks from plugs are more prevalent than has been be-lieved or than the number of

Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-tion, commenting on the figures in a report published yesterday, said: "These are disturbing statistics which clearly illustrate the dangers involved in tampering with electrical equipment without sufficient knowledge". The report says no particular

factor can be blanded for the increase in the number of deaths, but says only a very small proportion of electrical accidents result in death.

Also last year, 45 people died in fires involving electrical equipment. The 17 caused by

#### Broadmoor patients have no remedy under UK law' By John Roper .

Health Services Correspondent
The European Commission on Human Rights has decided that two patients detained in Broadmoor, whose cases were taken up by the Mind campaign of the National Association for Mental Health, have no effect-ive remedy under United King-

which might be a violation of article three of the convention that prohibits "inhuman or degrading treatment". The Mind campaign will continue to press for a domestic inquiry and for a change in legislation to pre-vent similar cases in future.

decision today Mind also dis-closes details, of the two cases.

Substantial questions about

Mr A had virtually nothing to do all they was contributed in 1974, but "in his own best interests and because he needed treatment". The Mind campaign argues that Mr A had virtually nothing to do all they was subjected to do all day, was subjected to overcrowding and lack of privacv and was in fear of violence.
Mr B, who was suspected of starting a fire in Broadmoor, was, it is alleged, put in isolation for five weeks, with no cheir on which to sit, little room to walk and little natural

## When a rest is not as good as a cure for some

Correspondent
Sick people spend too long in bed, according to the Consumers' Association's Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin published for doctors. An article in the bulletin says that many yatients are put to bed unnecessarily and' that hed rest is recommended for many illnesses though it helps few of them.

"The sensible course", the article suggests, "seems to be to let the degree of rest be determined by the patient's feelings". Heart patients, for example, should be allowed up when free of severe pain. "In uncomplicated cases this could be two to three days."

rest as treatment for pulmonary tuberculosis, peptic ulcer, subarachnoid baemorrhage, rheumatoid arthritis feverish illness except the meningitic phase of poliomyelitis, and acute hepatitis.

"The dangers of going to bed, the article concludes, should be well known. Among them are apathy, depression, venous thrombosis, hypostatic pneumonia, bed sores, retention of urine and constipation." It also causes

constipation. It also causes weakness, wasting of the muscles and decakification of the bones, with a tendency to form kidney stones.

As if that were not bad enough, the article adds a curt be two to three days."

The bulletin also challenges in a hospital bed, is "very the evidence for advising bed expensive."

The Police Federation said:

## Complaint against supplement rejected

A complainant who has not comprehensives could hold their had made diagonal comparisons been personally attacked or own with selective schools on in her tables. tional Supplement.

that statistical tables published in an article and conclusions drawn from them were meaningless, incorrect and misleading because the author was com-paring the wrong figures. The Times Educational Sup-plement published an article by Dorotty Davis, which said she

otherwise criticized has no performance in examinations. otherwise criticized has no She found a strong connexion Educational Supplement, Mr She found a strong connexion Educational Supplement, Mr between the social class of the Stuart Maciore, told Mr Jeffery carchment area and examination that he had decided not to print adjudication rejecting a com-plaint against *The Times Educa* tional Supplement. in the narrative.

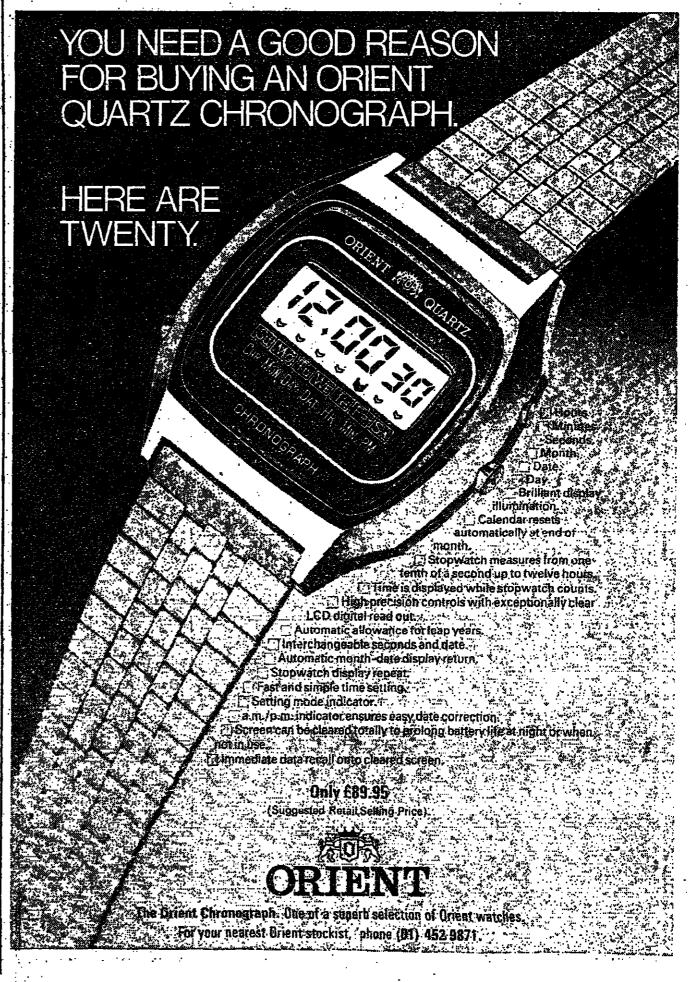
found that in one authority

The editor of The Times the letter as he did not think it would be generally intelligible to readers. The Press Council's adjudi-

Mr Jeffery initially sent a highly technical article to the newspaper analysing and discussing Mrs Davis's article, He later sent a letter for publication, which criticized Mrs Davis's article, The letter was not published.

Mr Jeffery told the Press Council's adjudication was:

As the complainant had not been personally attacked or otherwise criticized he had no claim to a right of reply. The editor exercised, his discretion in deciding not to publish the complainant's article or letter because he considered the items would not have been generally intelligible to readers. The complaint against The Times Educational Supplement is rejected.



By Maggie Richards of The Times Higher Education

An attack on Professor Julius Gould and his allegations of Marxist and radical involvement in higher education has been launched by the Council for Academic Freedom and

Democracy.

A pamphler from the group questions the basis on which Professor Gould, of Nortingham University, "set himself up as the defender of scholarship against the radicals".

against the radicals".

It argues that his report, The attack on higher education—Marrist and radical penetration, which was published in September, attempted to create an atmosphere of "McCarthyist intolerance and witch-hunting" within the education system. within the education system. The pamphlet condemns the

The pamphlet condemns the Gould report for propounding "a grand conspiracy theory, invulnerable to evidence and poorly argued for. Theories and ideas are alluded to, but not discussed at a serious intellectual level", it says.

The group was one of those referred to in the Gould report as a "front organization". But that has been denounced by Mr Anthony Arblaster, lecturer in politics at Sheffield University and chairman of the council.

"There is only one organiza-tion behind the CAFD 'front', and that is the National Coun-cil for Civil Liberties, under whose auspices the council was set up, and to which it remains happily affiliated", he said.

Contributions to the pamphlet include an article by Mr Arblaster and a piece on Professor Gould and the Open University by three members of its staff.

Mr Arblaster questions the

Mr Arblaster questions the claim of the Gould report that it upholds the values of intellectual diversity and pluralism.
He also criticizes the report's He also criticizes the report's blacklisting of academics who participated in conferences organized by left-wing groups. Another article written by Mr Steven Lukes, of Kent University, accuses the Gould report of being "written not in the scholarly but in the rhetorical mode, using the language and paraphermala of scholarship for political purposes".

Mr Lukes expresses the view that the document has been nimed at di ectors of educa-rional institutions, heads of departments and university moderates, rud is concerned that the report is encouraging them to "lean on anyone who could be described as a radical".

#### Man died after transfusion of wrong blood

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned yester-day on a patient who died in Stratford-on-Avon Hospital be-

cause he was given the wrong Mr Frederick Share, aged 60 of Ettington, Warwickshire, had been admitted for an operation to remove part of his stomach because of a duodenal ulcer. After the operation, on November 23, he was found to be bleeding from the wound and a nurse was instructed to get

blood for a transfusion.
Stoff Nurse Wendy Moore
said she put Mr Share's file in an office. When more blood was required she took a pink form from where she had left the file. "I believed the pink form was Mr Share's and when the blood had been collected from the laboratory it tallied with the details on the form, she said.

Dr David Chinn, a surgeon, said he was called to Mr Share and instructed that the transfusion rate should be increased.

Then I noticed that on the hed Then I noticed that on the bed was a transfusion form for a Mr Jones. I asked if Mr Share had the right blood, and when it was checked it was found to wrong. The blood given to Mr Share was for Mr Jones."
Pupil Nurse Janice Arnold,
who helped to check the blood who helped to cosek the blood ogainst the pink foron, told the inquest that it did not strike her that the patient for whom the blood was intended was not

Dr Derek Barrowcliff, a consultant pathologist, said: "In my view Mr Share's death was the result of the transfusion of about a pint of incompatible. The loans will be repaid in the blood."

Randel told the Central Crimi-

nal Court yesterday that he had been proud of the part he

played in securing an important

contract for the Iranian Armed

Repeating earlier denials that

he had ever received money from the Racal British Commu-

nications Corporation by way of

commission or expenses, he said: "I did my duty over 15

months with vigour and effec-

tiveness and I was very proud

that my efforts belped to make

an efficient and very large con-

Colonel Randel, aged 40. of The Royal Signals, Aldershot, is one of three men who deny

corruption charges involving a £4m contract for the supply by

Recal British Communications

Corporation of radio equipment for Chieftain tanks sold to Iran.

The other two defendants are

## Gould report | Man in the news: Mr Jack Ashley, MP

## Fighter for cause of the disabled

By a Staff Reporter
Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP
for Stoke-on-Trent, South, former labourer and crane driver, now champion of the disabled and underprivileged, is to receive an honorary degree from

the Open University.

Mr Ashley, who is 55, left school in his home town of Widnes, at the age of 14 and 10 years later won a scholar ship to Ruskin College, Oxford Two years later he won another scholarship to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and became president of the Cambridge Union.

His record of success is remarkable His secret is what his

markáble. His secret is what his markanie. His secret is what his wife, Pauline, calls his bloody-mindedness: once he has expoused a cause, he will never give it up. As a former media man and now an MP he knows how to use both the press and

answer", he explained recently.

"The thing is never to accept
the brush-off from any minister, Tory or Labour, if you are convinced you are right.
You've got all these weapons
—questions, early day motions,
deputations to the minister,
letters, adjournment debates,
full debates; and if the issue is very important you give them a canoonade."

Jack Ashley stands on the centre-right of the Labour Party and is a member of the Manifesto Group. Last year he called for a national campaign to combat vandalism. Last sum-mer he tried unsuccessfully to tighten the law on sexual offences and to give the prosecution in rape cases a right of appeal.

**Decision on** 

Tyndale Junior School in Islington, north London, must wait

until after Christmas for the result of their latest appeal

against dismissal. After an eight-day hearing an industrial

tribunal has reserved its judg-

the Inner London Education

Authority, and Dr Eric Briault,

its retired chief education officer, are among those who

gave evidence for the authority. But Mr Harvey Hinds, the former chairman of the schools subcommittee, who resigned after the report of a public inquiry into the school last year,

The Conservative group in the south-east London borough

of Lewisham has decided that during the local government election campaign next May it will refuse to address public meetings if National Front candidates are not also invited to specify

The decision is a response

to the attitude of the control-ling Labour group, which so far

has refused to appear on the same platform as the National

Front, although the decision will be left to individual candi-

dates during the campaign. Liberal candidates also will

Mr Godfrev Agar, leader of

the Conservative group, which holds only 11 of the 70 borough council seats, said vesterday:

About 4,700 strikers at Raleigh Industries, Nottingham,

have been offered £40 company loans to tide them over Christ-

mas after voting yesterday to

Raleigh lost £3m in produc-

Colonel 'proud of part in getting Iranian

company's former sales direc-

Colonel Randel said: "I have

never paid any money to Iranian officials, military or civilian, and it has never been

suggested by them or by any-

one else that that should be

Earlier in his statement from

the dock he said: "If I had

suggested to an Iranian official

that he wanted or could have

one whisper from him to his bosses would have been enough

to get me not only sacked but

ruined for life, and it applies the other way round."

Iran, called Galledari, who had

been expected to attend court

but failed to arrive, Colonel Randel said: "Life in Iran is

very much different from here.

If an Iranian had approached

me and I had mentioned that

Of an acquaintance of his in

£40 loans offered | Eton scholarship

y's former sales direc- "They know that, and I can-Barnet Way, Arkley, not honestly believe that any

make their own decisions.

to strikers

return to work.

Hertfordshire.

done.

Geoffrey Wellburn, aged 41, former managing director of Racal BBC, of Woodside Road, Deaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Frank Nurdin, aged 61, the mediately.

contract' but denies bribery

**Tyndale** 

is delayed



Mr Ashlev:

own deafness. His concern to maintain high standards in public life led him recently to call for a royal commission on the functioning of Parliament and the role of MPs. Parliament is rightly re-garded as the watchdog of our national institution, he said, but it was time for an independent and searching scrutiny of the watchdog itself.

During the 1950s ad early 1960s he worked for the BBC.

first as a radio producer and then as a television producer on such programmes as Panorana and Gallery. In 1966 he won his seat in Stoke-on-Trent with a majority of 12,611, but two years later resigned after totally losing his hearing be-

He was plunged into the depths of despair. "One lives in a glass cage", he said at the time. "You see lips move, but there is no sound; you see babies cry, but hear no crying.
My life is in pieces, I was an
MP with a safe seat and fair
prospects. Now I have no

future."

A couple of weeks later he was back in the House, per-suaded by friends and political colleagues that as a disabled person in Parliament he was in a special position to advance the cause of the disabled. He took a crash-course in lip reading. Eighteen months and many setbacks later he had be-come skilled enough to be able

come skilled enough to be able to follow parkamentary debates and to chair a parliamentary group on disablement.

From there he has never looked back, leading indefarigable campaigns on behalf of battered babies, rape victims, battered wives, brain-damaged child victims of whooping cough vaccine, the physically disabled, impecunions litigants, and his longest and most successful campaign of all, that for cessful campaign of all, that for compensation for the thalido-mide children. Mr Ashley is one of 11 people

who will receive honorary MA degrees from the Open University in the summer. Honorary doctorates will be awarded to Professor R. V. Jones, Sir Charles Curran, recently retired Director-General of the BBC, Sirector-General of the BBC, Sir Charles Groves, the conductor. Dr Otto Peters, Dr Kenneth Robinson, Dr Cicely Saunders, Professor Harold Wiltshire, Professor Michael Wise, and the late Dr Ernst Schumacher.

## Teachers call for inquiry into tensions in schools

From Ronald Faux Edinbureh

The Educational Institute of Scotland, the largest teachers' organization in Scotland, called yesterday for action by the authorities to discover how many resignations, breakdowns, transfers and early retirements among teachers were caused by the increasing stresses and strains of their job.

Mr John Pollock, general sec-retary of the institute, told a press conference in Edinburgh that positive action was needed to reduce stress and strain in the profession and to prevent disruption by pupils in Scottish schools. That had reached serious proportions, he said, but had been "hushed up". In Strathclyde about 400 teachers had left their jobs in

The Labour group believes

that to appear on the same platform as Front candidates

would lead respectability to a

racialist party".
The National Front has said

it will have 40 candidates at the elections in Lewisham and,

win a seat, it believes it will erode the Labour vote in many wards, particularly in Deptford.

The party's Lewisham organizer said yesterday: "We accept any invitation to speak. The Labour group are afraid to debate with us in public."

award extended

Primary school boys living in Hampshire and Sussex will be

eligible for the first time for the Eton junior scholarship next year, the college has

Six scholarships are awarded

annually on the basis of parental income after a com-petitive examination

Iranian would approach a serv

ing British officer, who was in

uniform most of the time, to

talk in any way about money."

Colonel Randel, who at the time of the alleged offence was signals adviser to the defence

sales organization of the Minis-

try of Defence, referred to the

part said to have been played in the deal by Sir Shapoor Re-

porter, a confidente of the Shah, whose name has been

mentioned throughout the trial.

He said: "He is a very power-

ful man and I cannot envisage

him needing to bribe anyone at a lower level when he knows

that he is going to get his consultancy fee."

Colonel Randel said he did

not think that either the Americans or the British had

denied giving Racal informa-tion from the Ministry of De-

fence that other companies might not have had.

The trial was adjourned until

bribed anyone in Iran.

refused to do so.
Today's The Times Educational Supplement reports that Mr Hinds, who is Labour chief whip in the Greater London Council, intimated to the two months recently. Some de-partures were accounted for by partures were accounted for by retirement or pregnancy, but a proportion must have been because of stress, he said.

"Teachers who get involved tend to keep quiet about it in case their professional competence is questioned. Head. Council, intimated to the teachers his readiness to give evidence on their behalf; he did not in the end do so, he said, because it did not seem that his evidence would help that he would help

because they do not want the school to get a bad name. Authorities do not want to

Authorities do not want to know; they prefer the schools to cope with their own problems".

Mr Pollock admitted that only a small minority of pupils indulged in disruptive behaviour. A sensible policy by local authorities and government would transform the atmosphere in many "problem" schools.

Mr Pollock quoted from a

Mr Pollock quoted from a letter received recently at the institute's headquarters from a teacher who had retired after eight years. The teacher complained of understaffing, resulting in large classes and excessive quantities of correction, so that pressures became almost intolerable.
The crucial difficulty was

how to make parents more accountable for the behaviour accountable for the behaviour of their children, Mr Pollock said. The institute took the view that before suspended pupils were readmitted to school written undertakings should be given by parents or sevardians about their future

#### Labourer took **Tories demand that Front** crane 'on night candidates get a hearing of madness? "We do not agree with the National Front, but if they have candidates they have a right to be on the platform. Democracy should be seen to be operating and the Front should be fought on their own terms, by argument?"

Ronald Gardner, a labourer, told the police officer who confronted him: "If anyone steps forward I will get them", it was alleged at Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Gardner's intimidation was backed up not with a gun, a knife or a club; he was swinging the jib of a giant crane he had stolen on "one night of madness."

madness.".

The story of the threat and a f1,400 tradi of damage left by the crane was sold at the court when Mr Gardner, aged 19, was sent to borstal and banned from driving for 18 months.

The court was told that after

The court was told that, after driving straight through the gates of the yard where the crone was kept, at Baptist Mills. Bristol, he drove into a road bridge, wrecked a street lamp

and damaged houses.

Mr Gardner, who admitted taking the crane, and seven charges of causing damage, was told by Judge Dyer: "I have come to the conclusion that this was one night of madness."

#### Christmas truce declared for Tagg's islanders

The houseboat people of Tegg's Island, whose road bridge to the Twickenham side of the Thames has been de-clared unsafe by the local council will have to leave their cars on the mainland after today. Richmond upon Thames Council is to put a temporary barrier across the wartime bridge, but the islanders will be able to walk across, and emergency service vehicles will be able to get through.
In the High Court yesterday,

by consent, Mr Justice Fox, the vacation judge, made no order on an application by Mr John Ison, a boarvard owner, to continue a temporary injunction made on Tuesday to stop the council closing the bridge completely.

Both sides agreed to an early trial, probably in February.

Busmen's protest Busmen at Riverside Garage. Hammersmith, are stopping work today in protest against the stabbing of two of their workmates last week. London Transport said yesterday.

University pay

The pay debate dominated the Association of University Teachers' conference in Edinburgh: Full reports appear in The Times Higher Education Supplement today.

#### **WEST EUROPE**

#### **Short list** of four cause of a post-operation virus for Europe's astronaut

P.rom Ian Murray

Paris, Dec 22
The first West European to
voyage in space will be an
Italian, a German, a Durchman
or 'a Swiss. The European Space Agency here today an-nounced its short list of four to train for the seven-day mint American-European Spacelab. mission in 1980. They were chosen from the 55 hopefuls selected in September by 11 European countries. Only one of them, will actually make the

The Italian is a 31-year-old bachelor, Signor Franco Malerba, a physician and elec-tronics ergineer at the Italian National Research Council A National Research Council A biophysics specialist; he has worked at the Nato centre in La Spezia and studied neurophysics in the United States. Herr Ulf Merbold, a 36-year-old research physician, is the German candidate. An expert on molecular exacture, which is a molecular structure, which is a main task of the spacelab mis-sion, he is married and has a

Sion, he is married and has a son aged three.

The Swiss candidate, Mr Claude Nicollier, is a former Swissair pilot and works in Swissar pilot and works in the space agency's laboratory in Holland, specializing in astro-nomy and supergalaxies. He is also married, with a three-year-Nuclear problems are the speciality of the Durch candidate, Mr Wubbo Ockels, who

has carried out research into the breakdown of nuclear systems immediately after their formation. He is 31, married,

with a four-year-old son.

These four have been chosen from a first short list of 12, which included French, Irish,

Bank clerks

win £5m

lottery

Madrid, Dec 22

in Spanish

From Harry Debelius

Madrid, Dec 22

If you get a bank draft from Madrid and it smells a bit like champagne, be understanding. The winning number of Spain's colossal Christmas lottery came up today and it is held by 33 employees of the foreign section of the Bank of Bilbad in Madrid. They will share nearly £5m of the total £152m paid out.

Tens of thousands, perhaps

Tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of

Spaniards cashed in today on the world's biggest lottery. El Gordo (The Fat One), as the

the number of official holidays will be reduced next year and

petrol prices will soon go up again sharply.

At the main office of the Bank of Bilbao in the capital,

crowded auditorium at the national lottery administration

When he came to he asked

When he came to he asked fellow spectators to repeat the number he thought he had heard. He almost passed out again when they did. He had won nearly £7,000 on his investment of less than 700.

Nearly 254,000 other cash prizes brightened Christmas for

many other Spaniards, including the doorman of a block of flats

in Madrid who collected £13,000.
Señor Juan Ludena Miguel,
aged 52, a jéweller from Toledo,
in central Spain, was enriched
by no less than £500,000. Yet

he told reporters that he in-tends to keep his small shop open and use the money to help

is seven children to realize

Among the saddest people in Madrid roday were Señor Santiago Gonzalez and Señor Fernando Blanco, co-proprietors

of the lottery shop which sold the highest paying number. They did not save even a small share of the number for them-

selves. Appropriately enough, their shop appears on the offi-cial list of vendors as shop num-

The fifth National Assembly

of the Fifth Republic closed its

final session et 2.10 this morn-

ing at the Palais Bourbon. The

end of the session spelt the end

of the parliamentary career of

M Virgile Barel, the father of

the French House, who is a

Communist member for a Nice

His parliamentary career be-

gan in 1936 towards the end of

gan in 1936 towards the end of the Third Republic, spanned the Second World War and the Fourth Republic and a good part of the Fifth, although he lost his sear for two assemblies between 1958 and 1967.

President Giscard d'Estaing was a boy of 16 when M Barel first won his seat.

Last weekend, he held a party to celebrate his eighty-eighth hirthday at his home in Nice

birthday at his home in Nice and boasted to his friends: "I

was a Communist before the

party existed ".

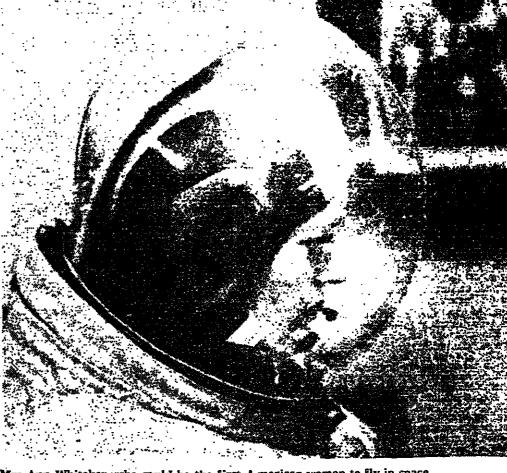
their dreams.

From Ian Murray

Paris, Dec 22

constituency.

headquarters, collapsed.



Mrs Ann Whitaker, who could be the first American woman to fly in space

British, Belgian and Danish names.
The mission will attempt to carry out 70 experiments covering research into the stratosphere and upper atmosphere, biology, medicine, astronomy, solar physics, thermodynamics and observation of the earth. Washington, Dec 22.—A 38-year-old mother was among six

daughter, was one of the finalists announced by the National Aeronautics and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa). Only one of the Americans and one of the Europeans will be selected for the scientific assignment on the mission. The rest of the Skylab crew will be five American astronauts.

Mrs Whitaker, who comes Cafifornia, a space physicists from Huntsville, Alabama, and Dr Richard Terrile, aged

The other Americans named are Dr Craig Fischer, aged 40, a doctor from Indian Wells, California: Dr Michael Lamp ton, aged 36, a space physicist from Berkeley, California; Mr Byron Lichtenberg, aged 39, of Natick, Massachusetts, a doctoral candidate; Dr Robert Menzies, aged 34, of Posadena, California a space physicists American finalists named today from Huntsville, Alabama, and Dr Richard Terrile. aged Mrs Ann Whitaker, a works at the Marshall space 26, also of Pasadena, a plane-physicist and mother of a young flight centre in her home town tary scinetists.—Reuter.

#### Britain's milk marketing system wins Commission's approval the final say over commission the British market was proposals. British sources in undoubtedly the overriding Brussels also said that the consideration behind the Com-From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Dec 22

The Milk Marketing Board, which ensures daily deliveries of fresh milk to 90 per cent of fritain's families, was today given the European Commis-sion's seal of approval. There had earlier been fears that the MMB would have to be phased our because its monopoly powers could not be reconciled with the EEC's free trade rules. Mr John Silkin, the Minister for Agriculture, said that he greatly welcomed the Com-mission's recognition of "the

need to safeguard the essential powers and functions of the MMB". The board provided a unique service to the dairy industry and was vital to the retention of the daily doorstep delivery of milk to Britain's annual Christmas lottery is called, created instant pesera millionaries in towns and villages all over the country.

For them, the lottery overshadowed the news today that the interpretation of efficial holidays.

adjustments required by the Commission to enable the MMB to continue needed to be examined closely, though on the face of it they seem fairly

The chief gain for Mr Silkin is that the Commission agrees with him that the MMB's with him that the MMB's exclusive powers of purchase and marketing, as well as its price-pooling system, should continue. Among other things, this enables the MMB to ensure throughout the year that all demands for liquid milk consumption are met before milk it made available to processors. for turning into butter, cheese

mission's proposal that the board should keep its main functions. About 65 per cent of British

milk production is drunk, and aunual per capita consumption of milk in Britain is about 256 piuts, compared with a Com-174 pints. Apart from Ireland, no other EFC country operates a system of nationwide doorstep deliveries.

Under the Commission's proposal, the MMB would have

to shed some of its present powers. There would have to be some modification, for example, of its exclusive right industry and was "vital to the retention of the daily doorstep delivery of milk to Britain's families".

The final bartle for the survival of the board has still to be fought in the EEC's Council of Ministers, which has for turning into butter, cheese he some modification, for example, of its exclusive right of purchase as regard milk of purchase as regard milk intended for export, and in certain cases for processing. Its products, coupled with sharply control over the prior licensing of new dairy production and processing plant would also have to be dropped.

Pilots strike

#### French planes 'called in by Mauritania' to be becoming more and more

Paris, Dec 22

French aircraft have apparently been used at the request of the Mauritanian Government request of the Mauritanian Government regions the Delicario is turning the release of the eight French hostages it is holding into a propaganda

Bank of Bilbao in the capital, customers gave up as employees tossed their paperwork into the air and danced for joy shortly after 9.30 am. The incredulous bank clerks had just heard their number, 34571, sung out during a live radio broadcast of the traditional drawing.

When the boys of St Ildefonso's orphanage school sang out one of the numbers to the tune of a Gregorian cham, Señor Juan Antonia Adan, who was among the spectators in the crowded auditorium at the ernment, against the Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara in an attempt to wipe out anti-aircraft missiles and

guns.
According to informed sources in Paris, this was the reason why Jaguar aircraft were used against Polisario columns on December 12 and 13 and again on December 18.

The first attack is said to have taken place after a raid on the railway line between Zouerate and Nonadhibou. Four Jaguars had appreciate the contract of the Jaguars had apparently found and destroyed the raiding columns' supply dump of petrol and weapons, forcing it to form up in the open desert to try
to repel the attacks the following day with their Sam missiles
and cannon. This made them a
relatively easy target for both
French and Morocan average.

The second attack is reported

The second attack is reported to have been carried out largely by Moroccan aircraft which machine gunned the Polisario column while giving cover to Moroccan and Mauritanian troops in the area.

There is still no official French statement about the Air Force's involvement beyond the.

answer given yesterday in the National Assembly by M de Guiringaud, the Foreign Minister, that very limited support was being given to The Foreign Minsiter appears Presse.

Drap, in the Alper Maritimes, became a schoolteacher in the

near by village of Costellar in

1909, won the Croix de Guerre in the Pirst World War, and

wrote a book called To Moscow. to Moscow in 1928. He was 47 when he won his seat in the

The Mediterranean and .its

environment have been one of

his most passionate interests

the Assembly in the course of its last session to approve a

Government inquiry into the

Far from retiring from public life he has started a vigorous

election campaign for his suc-cessor, is well advanced on an-

other book, and intends to en-

sure that poorer people have the right to holidays.

He has one other crusade and he made that the subject of his

last speech to the Assembly last

night. He wants France to force Bolivia to extradite Herr Klaus Barbie, the German war crimi-

pollution of the sea.

Father of the French Assembly retires

Assembly.

President Ciscard d'Estaing has asked Dr Waldheim to try to find out from the Polisario what has happened to five French students who disappeared at the beginning of last year while on a trip through the area. According to an

Algerian newspaper report of January 15 last year, the Poli-serio claimed to be holding the Algiers, Dec 22.—Two French Air Force Jaguar fighters were brought down, killing the pilot

had been isolated

office in Algiers.

refused to do this at the Poli-

of one of them, and three others hit by Polisano ground fire in operations in Mauritania and Western Sahara since December 2, the Polisano announced here today.—Agence France

whole house listened in respectful silence. M de Guirin

gaud was not the first Poreiga

Government was doing every

thing in its power to do what he

M Barel has a drawing by

little houquet of flowers in the vase in front of it. The father

of the House may have retired but; the father of Max Barel intends to continue his crusade.

in Portugal to press for double pay exercise.
M de Guiringaud is to meet Lisbon, Dec 22.—The Portuthe hostages timorrow on their return from Algeria. He said today that the criticisms they had made about France to jour-

guese Government threw its weight behind the management of the national airline TAP. when its 340 pilots began an indefinite strike today for a 100 per cent pay increase. nalists were understandable be-cause at the time they were not in possession of all the facts and The Government said the airline could not give more than the 40 per cent it had originally offered and a Transhad been isolated
Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the
United Nations SecretaryGeneral is going to Algiers to
receive the hostages. He has port Ministry statement described the pilots claim as refused to co the at the rou-serio offices and says he wants, the affair to take place on neutral ground, that is to say, in the United Nations delegation

intolerable. The Communist Party also condemned the suppose, which threatens to leave thousands of tourists and Portuguese emission workers stranded over Christmas. The Government said the stike would deal a heavy blow to tourism. The dispute-the second TAP

strike in three mouths—comes
at a time of political crisis,
caused by the resignation of the
Socialist Government two weeks ago after the Socialists lost a parliamentary confidence vote on economic policy.

The main parties are due to hand in their proposals for a new government to President Eanes by tomorrow. But the right-wing weekly journal Tempo said today there was such political deadlock that he would have to dissolve Parlia-ment and call new elections.

## Bomb injures Tenerife hotel

for the death of his son, Max, through torture in a prisoner of-war camp. Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Dec 22.—A bomb injured two As he mounted the tribune to people last night in Tenerife's leading hotel. A Canary Islands make his last speech his Com munist colleagues rose and applauded him all the way. As he drew the attention of the Government "to the vanity of

separatist movement claimed responsibility.
Lisbon: A bomb partly destroyed the headquarters of the Centre Democratic Party in the steps taken" to secure the extradition of Herr Barbie the the Algarve holiday resort of

Portimao early today. Nobody was hurt.
Turin: Left-wing extremists
set off a bomb outside a police
barracks here early today after Minister to assure bim that the raking the building with machine-gun fire. Widespread the damage was caused but no one M Barel has a drawing by Picasso in his home in Nice, a home he calls "the most beautiful museum in the world". It is a drawing of his son as a young boy and-every-day his wife, Elo, changes the little house of flowers in the

Boxer in coma again

was burt -- Reuter:

Paris, Dec 22—Jörg Eipel, the West German welterweight boxer, knocked out by Alaio Marion in the loss round of their title fight on Saturday, has sunk back into a coma. OUT

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From Michael Leapman New York, Dec 22

Winning ejections is surely one of the most satisfactory experiences in public life, but expensions in public life, but there are some elections where the election, of victory must be dissipated almost instantly by the committed nature of the job for which the victor has been chosen. Being Mayor of New York is such a job.

Mr. Edward Koch was elected by a constitutible mergery last

by a comfortable mergin less manificant and at the norm of the year he formally assumes his responsibilities. Yet already, in trying to find men to fill the key positions of his administration, he has ment with some of the frustrations inherent in the job.

The man who was expected to be deputy mayor windrew when he discovered that there would be six deputy mayors with equal status. The man-whom Mr Koch wanted as overwhom his total wanted as year seem of the city's finances rejected the job in favour of one with the state government. where his role will be to keep a watchful eye on how the city

spends its money.

Still, with a doggedness which seems to be one of his chief qualities, hir Koch completed the line-up, and last week athieved an encouraging success when he persuaded the city counciliors to drop their plan to give themselves 50 per cent pay increases. He came out of that confrontation smiling sweetly and talking of the triumph of reason and tratesmansing.

retiring mayor, Mr Abraham Beame, could have vetoed the pay increases, but then the coun-cil could, if so inclined, have overridden the veto, and Mr Koch would have arrived in office with an extra \$500,000 (£250,000) already on his annual wage bill.

Keeping costs down and that means keeping wages down is going to be one of his chief tasks as he juggles with the figures to try to make the city Solvent.

For instance, he will soon have to negotiate new contracts

with groups such as the train-sport workers. During the election campaign he spoke of the necessity of being rough with the unions, but the experience of a former mayor, Mr John Lindsay, serves as a warning that a serious strike early in an administration, can colour a mayor's entire four years of

mayor's entire four years of office.

Mr Koch is a balding backelor with a high-pitched voice and his manner would best be described as gnomish. He won his campaign with a promise of competence, and this is the image he has tried to foster thering the manner that the manner of the manner. during the pre-mayoralty period.

He boasts that he does not own a car and travels by underground train, and during the campaign he undertook to fight for badly needed improvements in underground equipment and stations. The appalling state of parts of the system, together

One lesson from that episode with the constantly worsening was of how little real power the potholes in the roads is de-Mayor of New York has. The moralizing for New Yorkers. potholes in the roads, is de-moralizing for New Yorkers. It all coopributes to driving the middle classes — and some revenue producing corpora-tions—out of the city. During his campaign Mr

Koch was adamantly opposed to the Westway project, a big new road which Mr Beame's doministration wanted to build to replace the old West Side highway by the Hudson river. Mr Koch said that the money for this most of it derived from the federal Government ought to be devoted to the underground and buses.

There have been signs lately, however, that the mayor-elect is wavering on this issue under strong pressure from Westway's supporters, and many will view the outcome as a vital test of Mr Koch's intentions. Big business wants Westway but the people who use public transport want to see that improved instead.

For the most part, the new mayor's choices will not be bemayor's choices will not be outween ways of spending money but of saving it. His priority will be to gain enough assistance from the state and federal governments to stave off a budget crisis like that of 1975, and then gradually to restore the city's fiscal health to a level at which is can once again at which it can once again borrow money in the open

It is a modest and uninspiring goal but Mr Koch, who is not particularly inspiring himself, could be the man to attain it.



A belly dancer wins applayse from General Sillasvuo (centre), UN delegate in Cairo.

## Cairo peace negotiators wait for outcome of Sadat-Begin summit

Ceiro, Dec. 22:—Preparatory talks on a Middle East peace recessed today with differences still uncertied, to await the meeting between President Sadat and Mr Begin on Sunday. Dr. Esmar Abdul Maguid, Egypt's chief delegate to the Cairo talks, acknowledged after today's 45-minute working session that "points of disagreement" remained.

This was not the only indication that it will be a slow and arduous process to reach a archous process to reach a comprehensive peace settlement. Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, said in Jerusalem yesterday on his return from talks with President Sadat and General Gamassi, the Egyptian War Minister, that they were just the opening moves towards peace.

Dr Maguid said he would be reporting to President Sadat on the results of the Catro takes so far. Only three formal sessions have been held since the conference opened eight days

ago.

He said the telks could be raised to foreign minister level, depending on the outcome of the Sadat-Begin sommit, in

the Egyptian Israeli working group had been instructed to start preparing an agenda for a peace conference elsewhere or anywhere

Pressed on whether the instructions meant the Geneva peace conference was being

only say a peace conference. elsewhere or anywhere." The Geneva conference met inconclusively in December, 1973, after the last Arab-Israeli war. Some 150 Palestinians from

Egyptian sources, asked whether Israel wanted to deletewhether Israel wanted to delete-any, reference to Geneva as the venue for reaching a compre-hensive peace settlement, said there was nothing in United Nations resolutions specifying the Swiss city by name.

The sources emphasized that this did not mean the Soviet. Union, which opposes the Cairo talks, should not have a role to play. "Nobody can exclude the Soviet Union's important role, but Moscow inself", they said.

The only parties attending the Cairo talks are Egypt, Israel, the United States and the United Nations. The Sovier, Union, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization all rejected President Sadat's invitation, while Jordan and Lebanon found diplomatic reasons for being absent. Analysts believe the Sadat-Begin meeting could produce a number of minor agreements such as the creation of a hot-line to avoid any war by accident" and a withdrawal of urroops in the Sinai : peninsula

from front-line positions during the peace negotiations....: They said progress tould be slower on such fundamental issues as complete Israeli with

tories occupied in the 1967 war, particularly from the West

the West Bank crossed into Egypt today to support President Sadat's peace moves. Their visit is a blow to the Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion, which has claimed to represent all Palestinians in oppos-

ing Mr Sadar's policy.—Reuter and UPI. housing three Egyptian com-panies was damaged by a bomb explosion here today. The attack came after three un-successful attempts on the successful attempts on the Egyptian Embassy in the past

four days.

Yesterday the Egyptian charge d'affaires in Lebanon told President Sarkis that he feared for the security of Egyptian offices and personnel.

A radical Palestinian guerrilla organization said today that an Israeli force last night kidnapped 10 inhabitants of the south Lebanese village of Aytroun; close to the border with Israel.

The newspaper Al Thaura Mustanerra, published by the Popular Front for the Libera-tion of Palestine, primted what it said were the names of seven kidnapped men, adding that the names of the others were not available. The villagers involved were peasants and fishermen, it said.—Agence France-Presse

#### Settlement still eludes Rhodesia negotiators From Frederick Cleary

Salisbury, Dec 22
Rhodesia's Internal settlement ralks appear to have slowed down again after a reported breakthrough yesterday. It is believed there is still a

breakthrough yesterday.

It is believed there is still a gap between Mr Ian Smith's fighters. "While politicians Government and the African nationalists, particularly Bishop Muzorewal It concerns the mechanics of a proposed system which would allow the minority whites in a blackmajority parliament to veto legislation they considered detrimental to whites.

The hishon is said to have . The bishop is said to have

made an important concession yesterday but to have backracked or at least to have raised another issue today. Questioned at the end of today's two-and-three-quarter hour ses-sion, Mr Smith said: "You can-not always make a lot of pro-gress can you? There are times when you make more progress and there are times when you

make less progress."

Asked what sort of day this was, Mr Smith replied: "I think it is fair for me to say that we made more progress yesterday than today. However we are still going."

the internal talks had reached a successful finality all opposition to them would slow down to a trickle both within and The net loss of 9,295 while the state of outside the country. The state-ment said there was already general acceptance among blacks and white Rhodesians of "imminent and decisive political change

Countering the argument of black critics of the talks that bus driver was the statement said: "Because a man is untrustworthy does not another incident. necessarily mean he is immune to pressure." Mr Smith was great pressure to obtain a settlement, it went on. The rainy season was here and he guerrilla gangs.
knew what that meant militarily. The exodus of whites, some of whom put him in the eastern border area and into office, was continuing. The

countryside was increasingly unsafe to live in. It added that the other principal argument against the present talks was that eny internal settlement would not

The UANC statement, said Mr Smith was the right man to negotiate with, as most Rhodesian whites stood by him. "Mr Smith can never negotiate Bishop Muznewa cannot nego-tiate for the perpetuation of white minority rule. Somewhere in between these viewpoints lies the solution which would be acceptable to the nation as

a whole."
According to official figures released today, Rhodesia suffered a net loss of 576 whites in November, to bring the total outflow of whites in the first 11 months of this year to nearly 10 000. The In a separate statement today, year to nearly 10,000. The Bishop Muzorewa's United figures show that in November African National Council only 390 whites arrived while (UANC) said that by the time 966 left. Altogether 1977 is the worst year for net emigration in Rhodesia's history exceeding The net loss of 9,295 whites for the first 11 months of this year compares with a loss of 5,914 for the same period in 1976.

A white civilian, Mr Harry Whitehorn, aged 53, of Salisbury, was killed when his vehicle hit a landmine. A black Security forces have killed six more guerrillas. Two tribes-'men have been killed and another brutally mutilated by

#### Churches pay full inquest costs of Biko family

Johannesburg, Dec 22

The full cost to the family of the inquest on the South African Black Consciousness leader, Steve Biko, is being paid by the South African Council of Churches through its Asingeni Relief Fund, it was

The council's acting general secretary, Mr John Rees, said that the costs of the legal team headed by Mr Sydney Kentridge which represented the Biko family were expected to be about £50,000. Earlier reports that the costs might run to as figment of some excited per-

The Asingeni fund was set up on June 16 last year, the day that the disturbances began in Soweto. Since then the fund has helped in more than 1,000 legal cases of various size, of which the biggest was the Biko

inquest. According to Mr Rees, funds have been received only from Christian churches inside South. Africa and overseas. Refuting accusations that overseas agencies had been interfering in South African affairs, Mr Rees said that the funds were not carmarked in any way and that only the South African Council of Churches decided how to spend the money. A front page report in the

newspaper The Citizen, said today that the South Africa project of the United States Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights had sent about £650,000 to South Africa for legal fees in Black Consciousness cases during the past year.

The report added that the

project operated through three South African lawyers and was directly involved in every political case that came before the South African courts. Earlier this week the Wash-

ington Post reported that the project had paid part of the Biko family's legal costs and flown to Washington two weeks before the inquest began for meetings with United States legal and medical experts. Hegel and medical experts.

However tonight Mr Shun
Cetty, the Biko family's lawyer,
stated that the American project had almost nothing to do
with the funding of the legal
costs. He added that allegations

about coordination America were "nonse America were "nonsense".

The issue of outside financing for political organizations or legal cases is a very sensi-tive one in South Africa, This was one of the main targets of inquiry carried out by the Schlebusch Commission which was set up in 1973 to inves

## Gandhi supporters try to split Congress

From Richard Wigg Gandhi's supporters seem hell-bent on splitting the Congress Party, while India's former Prime Minister goes on former Prime Minister goes on maintaining—in public at least —that she is still "for unity". Her more headstrong supporters have now decided to summon what in effect would be a rival All-India Congress committee meeting for Dec. committee meeting for Dec-

The latest crisis was provoked y Mrs Gandhi's decision, anounced last weekend, to quit

ember 31 in spire of the poor attendance at a prehiminary meeting here of pro-Gandhi

From Our Correspondent

Informed sources here scof-ed at the idea of a confedera-

tion between Pakistan and Bangladesh its former province

which broke away to become an independent state.

Speculation about a con-federation had been rife in a section of the press before the arrival of General Zia Ur-Rah-

man, the Bangladesh President, today on his first state visit to

All due honours were extended to General Rahman by Pakistan Government leaders, including President Chaudhri

e<sub>t</sub> permitter

Islamabad, Dec 22

welcomed to Pakistan

**BBC** sells Shakespeare plays to which have since come to him US for £2m from influential Congress members in various parts of India, have persuaded Mr Brahamananda Reddy, the From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Dec 22 The BBC has completed a f2m deal with the Public Broadcasting System here to sell its forthcoming productions of all 36 plays by Shake speare over the next six years. accept her resignation at all. The deal is being assailed, however, by unions in the television industry, who say it is an insult to American actors The main preoccupation of the Congress supporters of Mr Reddy is the damage that any split must cause the party in the state legislative elections

an insult to American actors and rechnicians.

Mr Sam Robert, executive co-ordinator for the Conference of Motion Picture and Television Unions, is quoted in today's New York Post as calling the plan "callous and insensitive". He said his organization; would launch a rectional campaign to stop it. carly next spring. Rank-and-file party workers in the south, workers in the south, where Congress remains, a force, are said to be aghast at the meeting and the numerative aides. national campaign to stop it, including political pressure. President of Bangladesh The Public Broadcasting ystem is sensitive to cam-

paigns of this sort because it is partly financed by the Federal Government. It accepts no advertising, and the balance of its revenues derives chief martial law administrator, who were present at the airport to receive him. from grants from corporations and donations from viewers. Its A 21-gun salute was fired by artillery, Pakistan Air Force fighters provided an air escort, and a massed band played the audience is only a small frac-tion of those who watch the three main commercial net-Mr Robert said that although

national anthems of the two There has been an exchange of visits at the highest level between Islamshad and Dacca once before. In 1974 Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, founding President of Bangladesh visited Labore as chief delegate to the his organization admired the British theatre, its allegiance of whom were out of work.
One of the proposed campaign slogans, he said, would be that the initials CPB, for Corpora-Lahore as chief delegate to the Islamic summit. Earlier Mr Bhutto, former Pakistan Prime Minister, paid a visit to Dacca. tion of Public Broadcasting, should be redefined as "Corporation for patronage Britain

## Five dead, 11 injured in silo explosion

New Orleans, Dec 22.-An explosion in a grain silo of the Commental Grain Company, in a New Orleans suburb today the least five people dead,
It injured and about 20
missing, the authorities said.

Five bodies were recovered. from the 15 storey high silo and the adjacent three-storey office

building, where government inspectors worked. The missing were believed trapped in the offices. The silo apparently

collapsed on to the office building. A Coast Guard helicopter, manoeuvring through clouds of dense smoke, rescued one man

from its roof.

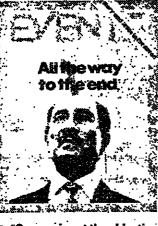
The cause of the explosion was not known. The dust-filled air inside the cylindrical grain. elevator is extremely volatile The explosion rocked the small town of Westwego and showered the area with grain dust and debris. Across the Mississippi river at the New

animals cried and roared.

The, smoke poured from a gaping hole in the concrete wall of the silo which stands on the bank of a river. It was one of several end-to-end in a cluster, by the fire and explosion appeared confined to one only. A man working in an office nearby said: "The whole building shook and the lights went out for a second or two."

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## Hostages overpower and shoot bank robber

Subic Bay, Philippines, Dec 22.—A Filipino gumnan died to bours later. He was reported to have had no political motive in taking his hostages.

The man, who had held the borness at gunpoint since trying a held up the hank or the hank Bay naval base.

Some of the men among the

14 hostages rushed their captor after he began abusing a woman hostage. He had been trying to force her to make sounds of distress during a telephone con-versation with officials at the huge base, north-west of Manila. One of the angry men hit the gumman over the head and another shot him. The hostages

emerged in generally good condition from their ordeal. The guinnan had earlier threatened to burn one of the women and knife one of the men as he became more des-parate. Identified only by the initials ALQ taroned on one initials ALQ tarooed on one arm, he was taken to the base

The man, who had held the hostages at gunpoint since trying to hold up the bank on Tuesday, suffered a wound in his head and a fractured skull.

A psychiatrist had listened to all the phone conversations and had advised officials on how the situation should be handled.

"It was apparent from the

response to his requests to provide him with an escape was beginning to agitate him considerably, a military spokesman said. "The gunman was obviously tired and our patient approach was beginning to wear him down. We detected in his voice that he was beginning to lose control of himself, the hostages and the situation

Voice recorder of hijack plane found in Johore Kuala Lumpur, Dec 22.-The

Kuala Lumpur, Dec 22.—The cockpit voice recorder from a hijacked Malaysian Boeing 737 airliner which crashed two weeks ago, killing all 100 people on board has been found and could throw light on the cause of the disaster, it was announced today. Tan Sri Manickavasagam, th

Communications Minister, told a press conference that the device, which records conversa-tion in the vicinity of the cockpit and communication with ground stations, was due out from 12ft of mod at the crash site in the state of Jobore. He said it was being sent immediately to Britain for analysis. Investigators last week re-covered the flight data re-corder, which shows speed, direction and altitude of the aircraft. The fuselage, wings and tail are believed to be still buried.--Keuter

## Prisoners that Ethiopia wants to forget

By Roger Berthoud Ar least £200,000 worth medical supplies are desperately needed by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front to cope with the problem of between 4,000 and 5,000 disease stricken Ethiopian prisoners, according to Miss Mary Dines, general secre-tary of War on Want, who has just returned from a month in . Entrea.

At a press conference in London yesterday she launched a report of her findings which she hopes will persuade the aid organizations of the West to send the necessary help.

Miss Dines visited three camps where the prisoners, whose existence is denied by the Ethiopian Government, are held. She was struck by the

held. She was struck by the good treatment they were receiving.

At a camp in Nacia she found
2,000 soldiers and 14 officers.
They included members of the
Flame Brigade, troops trained
by the Israelis in anti-guerrillatactics and considered the most
effective soldiers in the Ethio-

pian Army, About, 100 had been slaughter of Ertirean civilians wounded.

There was a chronic shortage, Dergue Government under of blankets, and the prisoners. Colonel Mengistu took over in suffered from persistent attacks. Addis Ababa in February, 1975.

of blankets, and the prisoners suffered from persistent attacks of malaria, dysentery and bronchins. They were bitter that the Ethiopian Government had disclaimed all knowledge of them, and feared that if they returned they would be shot.

Another camp, called Sahel I, held 450 soldiers, about half from the "Red Army" peasants press ganged or kidnapped, as they put it, into the Ethiopian Army and identifiable by their lost and shambling able by their lost and shambling appearance, Miss Dines said. Many prisoners have been allowed to return home secretly.
Some were captured with their
rifles (mostly Russian Kalashnikous) issued, bullets not
even in the breeches. even in the breeches.

Harsh though conditions in the camps were, they were not much harsher than those out-

side, where many of the same diseases were also found,

Miss Dines's report lists

of <u>indis</u>criminate

examples

In March that year, for example, Ethiopian soldiers in two separate visits slaughtered more than 500 people in the village of Woki. Most of the women, children and old men were killed with knives. Pregnant women were alit open with bayonets. Survivors buried the

dead in three mass graves. Last October soldiers stopped at a village called Merhano, burnt it down and knifed un-known numbers to death. Miss Dines believes, the Western World has connived at what has been happening in Eritrea ever since Emperor Haile Selassie sunexed the territory in 1962 and made it a province of Emispia.

She said the Ethiopian prisoners were a clearly identifiable international problem. Help for them would leave more medical

and other supplies Entresus themselves.

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## International protests fail to halt imprisonment of Soviet dissidents in mental hospitals

In spite of last August's When she emigrates condemnation by the World interned once more. clude those of Mr Luri Flylading Psychiatric Association (WPA), the KGB (security police) and Rozhdestrov, a 40-year-old civil and Miss Galina Kukarslikh engineer, was arrested and and Mr Vladimir Veretennikov, back held in Lepingrad. the KGB (security police) and Rochdestvov, a 40-year-old civil-some Soviet psychiatrists are engineer, was arrested and continuing to intern dissenters placed in the same mental hospitality which Dr in mental hospitals.

Observers believe that by continuing the internments the KGB may be testing the resolve of the WPA, which is setting up committee to monitor such ures for combating them. The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Inside the Soviet Union the opposition is being led by the Working Commission to Investigate the Use of Psychiatry for Political Purposes. This group was formed a year ago as an adjunct to Dr. Yuri Orlov's group monitoring Soviet adherence to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki accord. It welcomed the stand taken by the WPA in August and last month it appealed to the world organization to exert pressure on Moscow to bring the abuses to an end.

The commission listed five new cases. Further internments have been reported by other

In early November, an engineer, was interned in a was first put in hospital in 1971, for circulating critical typescripts. After his release he could not get a job and when he applied to emigrate he

was reinterned. This time he became the patient of Dr Marina Voikhanskaya, a psychiatrist now resident in London. She quickly saw that he was not mentally

Miss Barbara Walters, the

Miss Barbara waiters, the television personality, gave a dinner party in Washington recently to bring together the ambassadors, of Egypt and Israel, who had never officially acknowledged each other in the past. The evening turned out

Mr Art Buchwald, the column-

ist, drawing on an old Jack Kennedy quip, praised his hostess for bringing together two men who have been ideologically miles apart, who fought each other over the years—Mr

Hamilton Jordan and myself.
As it turned out, both Mr
Jordan, who is President
Carter's White House aide, and

making notes of the speeches.

Whenever present at a historic occasion, I like to write down

everything I hear. The editor of

record, took umbrage at my note-taking, and later prevailed upon the hostess, to point out to me that what I had written down was not for publication.

Under his pressure, and blushing at my journalistic pushiness,

I pocketed my notes.

Mr Jordan did even worse.

It seems he made a vulgar crack that someone at his table took

to be insulting to the lady next to him, who happened to be

Washington

pical in Kakıga in which Dr The KGB is inhibited by the Zhores Medvedev, the biologist WPA coodemnation from breaknow living in Loudon, was interred in 1970. One of his psychological by its usual methods. In the chatrists was Dr Galina Bondareva, who also examined Dr

At his trial last month he was charged with listening to foreign broadcasts, agitating about the low wages of workers, and "ex-tolling the Western way of life". A Kaluga court sen-tenced him to compulsory treatment in a mental hospital for

an indefinite period.
On October 6, Mr Mikhail
Kukobaka, aged 41, a longstanding dissenter, was interned in a mental hospital in the Byelogiven compulsory drug treat-ment. A few months earlier he had curculated an essay.

"Detente and the Defence of Human Right: are Indivisible".

a copy of which has reached the West.

The head of his ward, Dr Nadezhda Drapkina, explained his interoment by referring to decorations in his room: "To put up an icon and photographs of people like Academician Sakherov and General Grigorenko or people like Academician Sak-harov and General Grigorenko goes against our generally accepted norms of behaviour and therefore indicates mental

[Dr Andrei Sakharov, the former nuclear scientist, is a leading dissident and a Nobel peace prize winner. General Pyotr Grigorenko is one of the leaders of the Moscow monitor-ing group.]

Inside story of the 'pyramids party'

and, staring downwards, de-clared: "I have always wanted to see the pyramids."]

An account of this episode. appeared in the gossip column

of the Washington Star, which evidently moved the editor of

the Washington Post to rethink

his previous insistence that Miss

Walters's dinner for 40 was all

So Miss Sally Quinn of the Washington Post, in her vivid

style and in italics, recorded Mr Jordan's crude behaviour and

earthy announcements. The New York Times, with decorum and

reporting appropriate denials, covered the story in full.

followed this up by serenading Mr Joseph Powell, Press Secre-

lonely in my adherence to off-the record strictures and will

Unfortunately, the Jordan incident took place at another

table, and I have no lip-smark-ing details to add.

therefore print some notes.

Since the entire press corps

off the record.

the Washington Post, who was tary, with "See the pyramids under the impression that a along the Nile" (in a heavy-private dinner was off the handed reference to Mr. Jorrecord, took umbrage at my dan's crack). I feel somewhat

on at off-the-record Washington social event

Alexander Podrabinek, the commission's most active memmer and the author of the book Punitive Medicine, a sentence of 10 years. But to carry out this threat would no longer be expedient. So three weeks ago it ordered Mr Podrabinek to emigrate. Since he does not

wish to emigrate, he refused.

To persuade him to change his mind the KGB has begun to employ a tactic it has used against Dr Sakharov—the per-secution of his relatives. In October it planted some castridges on his brother. Mr Kirill Podrabitek, at his place of work. But it could not then prove that they belonged to

So four days later KGB men came to search Kirill's flat. The officer in charge went straight to a cupboard, put his fist into the first jacket be found, and pulled it out again, with two cartridges in it.

cartridges in it.

Moscow, Det 22.—The Soviet
Union today rejected appeals by
the United States and other
Western governments on behalf
of the jailed lewish dissident,
Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, and
alleged that foreign secret services were behind them. Tass said it was "amazing" that American officials should make

act after which the Middle Rast.
cannot be the same any more.
Then Mr Ashraf Ghorbal, the
Egyptian Ambassador, rose, For
the first time, he said quietly
and with feeling, Mr Dinitz has
spoken for both Israel and

Egypt.
To the hushed room, the

Egyptian envoy pledged on be-half of his nation to strive for

a full, comprehensive settle-ment and not leave it to the

next generation. He reminded his audience of the aspirations

of the Palestinians, and raised

his glass to the prospect of peace, to the Israeli Ambassa-dor and to President Carter.

moment not even the most

cynical media satrap present could help but be touched by

the drama of the beginning of

communication between two strong spokesmen of nations

that have spent a generation at

The moment passed the din-ner ended, and we all fell to

squabbling about ground rules for coverage and murmuring

starements of concern about him.—Reuter. Journalist's dilemma whether to report goings

clerk but soon became discon-teur and joined the Queensland police force

He became Labour candidate
for the Liberal held Queensland seat of Oxley which he
won in the 1961 election. At 28
he was the youngest member of

During the following year he, took a degree in economics and has since become the leading

## [According to eyewitness hoped the day would come accounts of the "pyramids when I could tell him that He incident", Mr Jordan pulled on praised President Sadar's bold the top of Mrs Ghornal's dress act after which the Middle Kaer and, staring downwards de Canada and staring downwards Chile to hold plebische over UN censure

From Florencia Varas

decide whether they support him or whether they seree with

in an international plot to bring about the downfall of the Chil ean Government: The President said the re

tion which was approved by 96 votes to 14 with 25 sestentions and condemned the Chilean Government for violating human rights "surpassed all tolerable limits due to its dering nature against our



Mr Hayden: An electoral

#### **Election of** Mr Hayden blow to left

From Our Correspondent

Melbourne, Dec 22 💃 Mr William Hayden was today elected to succeed Mr Gottgh Whitlam as leader of the Australian Labour Party. Mr Hayden, who is 44, defeated the only other contender, Mr Lionel Bowen by 36 votes to 28.

Mr Bowen was then elected deputy leader. Both Mr Hayden and Mr Bowen are seen as moderates within the Labour Party so the result was a blow to the left wing and to the former deputy leader, Mr Tom

Mr. Hayden emerged as a force in Australian politics dur-ing the Whitlaw Government. He was the first appointed Minister for Social Security and won approval for his national health scheme Medibank. He was later appointed Treasurer

administration was losing sup-Mr Hayden comes from a humble Queensland back-ground. He left school at 16 to join the public service as a

economist in the parliamentary

Santiago, Dec 22 In his most important speed

since the military jums took office in 1973 President Pinochet has asked all Chileans to participate in a plebiscite to demnation approved by the

night on radio and television, President Pinochet accused the United Nations of involvement

cent General Assembly resolu

## Why a million of Japan's 'untouchables' are living in fear

jobs or attempt to marry out-

bired to carry out a dreaded

employment and marriage, and

of Buraku ghettos to the public in recent years. But their relief

was short lived. Mr Watanabe and 1,500,000 other Burakumin

are now living with the con-stant fear that their future

might be compromised in a new private book which has been

snapped up by the personnel managers of large Japanese companies and private detec-

tives at £100 a copy.
Compiled by a number of unscrupulous publishers, the book contains a list of the names and

sires of Euraku ghettos. Distri-buted by mail order, the book

in many cases to suicide.

Confronted with the stigma of belonging to Japan's invisible race of 3,000,000 "untouchables", Mr Hadeo Watanabe, left his crowded gherto in Kyodo 24 years ago to establish new life and identity in

A happily married official in a Yokohama bank today, Mr Watanabe, 49, is secretly con-sumed by fear—a prey to blackmailers, prejudice and ruin if his origins are discovered.

The slightly balding and round banker changed his address six times before his marriage and has taken other elaborate steps to sever his connexion with the ghesto in ecent years.

Like another million or so of Japan's unknown minority community of outlasts, the "Burakumin". Mr. Watanabe has been passing himself off as an ordinary Japanese in the anonymity of urban life for more than two decades. He has successfully concealed his origins from his family, friends he still lives with the cold threat of exposure in his heart The social stiems would ruin both his family and his career. From outward appearances it would be impossible to draw differences between Mr Watn-

habe and the average Japanese. They are of the same race, speak the same language and worship the same gods. As a also carries derails of a confi-dential government survey which will help business firms to identify Burakumin employees in the cities. Japan's Buraku Liberation worship the same gods. As a result Burakumin can only be identified if their antecedents are traced back to any one of the existing 6,000 Buraku ghettos.

Yet mindless prejudice, based on myths handed down through the centuries, continues to Movement, an organization associated with the Japan Socialist Party, is furious. The movement's director. Professor Suco Muzzkoshi, one of the few Burakumin who proudly

casts today. Relegated to do- the organization has compiled a grading jobs in the past, the dossier on 100 big Japanese firms who have purchased the Eurakumin still come up against prejudice when they seek better

"Since the government stop-ped publishing details of the Buraku ghettos, seven private side their community. In many cases private detectives are lists have been distributed. This mmoto chosa (background check) on prospective em-ployees and marriage partners. is scandalous. Gangsters are preying on prejudice. It also looks as though all this material must have emanated from government offices. The Covern-In the past the origins of Burakumin in big cities could ment has carried our several confidential surveys in recent only be traced back to the ghetto through the govern-ment's official family register. years and it looks as though someone has leaked or sold the A curt message from a detective usually leads to rejections in material to these private publishers. It's going to ruin thou-sands of lives". Professor sands of lives" Murakoshi claims. Much to the relief of the minority community, the government has refused to issue both family registers and lists

At the moment there is no law in Japan to penalize the publishers for acts of discrimi-

nation.

"We need a law to fight discrimination". Professor Marakoshi savs. "Prejudice is so deep seated that people will go to any lengths to establish whether a person is a Burakumin or not. It mostly ends in tragedy when parents hire detectives to check on the background of prospective brides or grooms. I know one man who changed his address 20 times to divert detectives away from the fact that he was born in a ghetto. But they found born in a ghetto. But they found out. His girlfriend's parents banned the marriage, and he committed suicide."

Admittedly Japan has reared a limited number of wealthy Burakumin, particularly in the rear trade, but, in general, the outcasts are found at the bottom of the economic scale. Like Igdia's "untouchables", the Burakumin are predomiantly employed in menial jobs, conof the few, employed in menial jobs, con-proudly sidered as degrading centuries

butchers and scrap collectors. Today the Brrakumin are also Today the Birakujain are also employed as poorly paid daily labourers in the itonstruction industry. Error the few Burakumin who fight their way up to university campot hope to secure a level of employment commensurate with their stanENT

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dard of education if their background is exposed. Significantly, a large propor tion of Japanese emigrants who are settling in Brazil are Burakumin, Professor Murakoshi

The majority of Japan's out casts from the main stream of society still live in 6,000 ghetto: -both villages and enclaves in urban areas. An estimated 1.500,000 are attempting to conceal ricer identities after improving their positions in the Bur, as Mr Wammabe says: 'We are consumed by fear every day. We are scared, terrified that someone will point a finger at us. My son is now 22 years old. He is at university and is not aware of my back-ground. Next year he will look for a job. What happens if his employers check my background? It would destroy my family and my position in the

The outsider finds it difficult to understand prejudice in an otherwise middle class society not plagued by racial or religious discrimination.

Professor Murakoshi suggests that Japan's prejudices against the Burakumin are founded on class differences which origi-nate in the Nara era in the eighth century. The lower workers were defined as hinin -non-humans—at the time, and the prejudices have been handed down from generation to generation.

"People who live in the same reopie who live in the same ghettos are identified with vio-lence and dirt, and they are ostracized. It is all a myth, but it is sad, Professor Mura-koshi says.

Peter Hazelhurst

## The man who makes the Nazis jump

A hundred yards or so from the sided over Danube Canal and from Vienna's monument to its victims of the Gestapo in the Second World War, is an anony-Second World War, is an anonymous block of flats, with an antrance bearing an uncanny resemblance to an air raid shelter, housing the Jewish Documentation Centre whose director, Dr. Simon Wiesenthal, 68, pursues the relentless activity which has earned him a reputation as the source of a reputation as the scourge of Nazi criminals who escaped

There is a closed circuit television camera mounted to the spyhole in the door, and the doorbell on the street is marked anonymously enough for only those who know where they are going to be able to find the way. Vienna is not entirely comfort. active Nazi hunter and the atmosphere has not been imatmosphere has not been improved by the running bartle. between Dr Wiesenthal and the Chancellor, Dr Bruno Kreisky, currently being fought out over the head of a Durch journalist who is being taken to court by Dr Kreisky for saying in a book that Dr Kreisky called Dr Wiesenthal "a Jewish fascist". Dr Wiesenthal stopped trying to bring Austrian Nazis to

to bring Austrian Nazis to justice three years ago, after a row of cases had been dismissed. "I'm not a Don Quixote", he says. "They don't want to prose-cute Nazis here. There are plenty of other places, such as America and Canada right now, where they will."

gentines

A large, humorous man who talks as intensely as he still works, he says he will carry on the work of the Documentation Centre as long as he is physically capable of doing so. He is a very fit man, just returned from a tour of America and from Rome, where he pre-

Tribunal, and he has no obvious successor. "I estimate that by 1985 the West German processes will die our", he said, because by then most of the accused and the witnesses will His main objective is no longer solely to bring Navi longer solely to bring Nazi criminals to court. He con-siders that the Doctimentation.

Centre's activities in tracking down Nazis in countries whereprosecuted serves an educaextremism in general. Of our chance."

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says: "All these neo-Nazis wait ex-Nazi, Dr Wiesenthal says, for political or economic crises, "National sociolism was a reliand hope than history will region and a party at the same peat itself." He is particularly in the same peat itself." He is particularly in the same peat itself." He is particularly in the same peat itself. He is particularly in the says is like Communism. An old Nazi taken more seriously than a selegiances, but he still carries subject. "He doesn't know 80 per cent of his old political what damage he has done to the baggage with him."

When we sabre-rattle ", Dr. tainly not old, sick of limited week." Although he cannot get policymakers, he says. They mengele doesn't sleep in the were not the soldiers who same bed, for more than at fought at the front, but the his hands on the former Ausch scenes. Relatively few of them witz concentration camp doctor got killed. Of the 10,000,000 Dr. Wiesenthal knows he can National Socialists at the end make life highly uncomfortable of the war, many of them very for him and all the others on young since Nazi policy was his records. One thousand one directed at involving the generated from his work to date. 2,000,000 restill alive. Accord-

bundred court cases have emerged from his work to date. His international network is-

Communist, considers the cold the Liberal Party here in Auswar the root of much evil. "The tria, Friedrich Peter", he says.

Nazis in hiding were those who "He is 57, at the height of his Nazis in hiding were those who won the cold war", he says. "The only stupid Nazi criminal was one who committed suicide in 1945. The cold war enabled hundreds to emigrate, to simply disappear." The other main postwar error was made by the Jews themselves, he believes. There were 11,000,000 dead as a result of Nazi persecution? he says. "And we Jews have always reserred only to the 6,000,000 of our own people. We should have fought for justice tional purpose, reminding a should have fought for justice younger generation constantly for all 11,000,000. If we had of the dangers of right-young exchange trems in particular and all far more allies, but we missed

younger generation, some 2,000,000 are still alive. Accord emerged from his work to hale. 2,000,000 are still alive. According the international network is ing to Dr Wiesenthal 5,000,000 searching day and night. In of these are in West Germany, nationalization and deportation where many have become Common about 100 former Nazis who escaped from Eastern Europe during the cold wer.

Dr Wiesenthal, a fervent anti-

political career and a self-confessed active former confessed active National Socialist

"I have a great trust in the West German youth of today", he adds. "They are a serious and sensible generation. extremists we read about are in no way representative. In West Germany the gap between the generations is larger than elsewhere, and I want to keep that older generation on the defensive as long as they live. In the endless discussion on secuting war criminals—a term Dr Wiesenthal considers erroneous since Nazi crimes started long before war broke out-his standpoint is clear. "There is no punishment sufficient", he says. "There is a conflict between the letter and the spir's between the letter and the spir to of the law which cannot be resolved. If they are sentenced to death or to life imprisonment people feel justice has been done. But if, like one man who was responsible for the deportation of 1,100,000 to the gas chambers, they get nine years, then you could say that is equivalent to half a minute's jail per life. Human life is about the cheapest thing there is."

Nazi hunting now. Dr Wiesen-thal believes, has thus both an educational and a judicial func-tion. "I want them to feel that no place on earth will be safe." he says. "I want them to lose their peace of mind and sometimes, like those who are being thrown out of America, all they have built up since their peace. their escape. That form of punishment."

Sue Masterman

#### Chess chief tries to save match Belgrade, Dec 22.-Dr Max

Euwe, president of the International Chess Federation, arrived in Belgrade tonight to try to solve a dispute which threatens the match between the world title challengers, Boris Spassky and Viktor

The dispute, which has held up play for the past three days, is over whether a demonstration board for spectators should be within sight of the two players. It became an issue after the eleventh game—the first won by Spassky.

After Korchnoi had com-plained, the referee ordered that the demonstration board be moved out of sight of the Spassky has since refused to play.

Dr Bune will see both players. Korchnol is leading 61-31 in the match to decide who challenges Anatoly Karpov for the world title.—Reuter.

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## In brief

#### Murderer admits 32 killings Riverside, California, Dec 22.—Patrick Kearney, aged 38,

a self-confessed homosexual who wanted revenge for the ridicule heaped on him as a child, has confessed to murdering 32 people, the largest number attributed to one man in recent attributed to one man an recent times, the prosecutor's office said here today.

Mr Kearney, who had pleaded guilty to three murders, wastailed for life yesterday for what were known as "the trashbag murders". Many victims were hacked to pieces and their bodies stuffed into plastic rubbish haces. rubbish bags.

19 die in mosque Teheran, Dec 22.—Nineteen women and children died and

several people were injured in a stampede when the lights went out in a crowded mosque in a town on the Easpian coast. US intelligence deputy

Plains, Georgia, Dec 22.-President Carter has nominated

Mr Frank Carlucci, United States Ambassador to Portugal, as deputy director of Central Intelligence to serve under Admiral Stansfield Turner.

Kidnap victim kil<del>le</del>d Bogotá, Dec 22. - Señor

Alberto Pardo León, a wealthy Colombian businessman kid-napped in early December, has been found dead on the city outskirts. He had been stabled seven times.

California storm deaths Los Angeles, Dec 22:-Nine people died in storms which ripped across California with hurricane force, tearing down power lines, uprooping frees and raising a blinding dust

Rare falcon birth Ottawa, Dec 22.—A peregrine, felcon has produced offspring in Alberta in what is believed to be the first successful mat-

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about the earlier behaviour of a White House aide. But long after gaffes are forgotten, the warmth and graciousness of the Mr Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador, with a sense of first meeting of the two ambas-the occasion, paid tribute to his sadors at Miss Walters's dinner Egyptian colleague for his ability and professionalism party will be remembered.-New York Times News Service.

## Doubts cast on US list of missing Argentines

From Andrew Tarnowski

Evidence has emerged in Evidence has emerged in Buenos Aires casting doubts on the credibility of a highly publicized list, prepared by human rights groups in the United States, of people who have, allegedly suffered violations of human rights in Argenting Argentina.

The list was brought here last month by Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State. The United States Embassy later delivered it to the Argentine Government. Even belore Mr Vance left

Washington it was widely referred to in the international press as listing 7,500 people allegedly detained without trial or abducted since the military coup. Mr Vance let it be known that he had raised the matter with Argentina's military

After studying the list for nine hours over two days. I can reveal that it totals 5,591

Many of the alleged cases occurred before last year's military takeover, some as far back at 1974. Many more are not dated. Some are names with no source of corroborating

-The "list" consists in fact of the following four lists: A 93-page computer print-out of 4,156 names collated by an Gentre" (AISC) in the United States; a typewritten list attached with 973 names; an Argentine list of 395 disappeared persons; a list of 67 disappearances in the Argen-

The largest, computerized section, is entitled: "Partial list of victims of repression in Argentina compiled by AISC as of November 4, 1977." A study of 15 sample pages levels that despite the way it has been publicized and entitled, it is not restricted to

the situation under the present

ing of its kind in captivity. Argentine Government, still

tine city of Mendoza.

Of 687 names on the 15 pages, 138 (20 per cent) are cases from before the military takeover, 285 (41 per cent) occurred on unknown dates, and 264 (39 per cent) after the

The second list of 973 names The second list of 973 names is so shaped as to indicate job, sex, age, date, fate, but these details are only completed in one case, partially completed in it, and name, and fate only are given for the rest, in all but 14 cases this is, said to have been arrest.

the police last year.
The late Senor Roberto Santucho, the leader of the Trotsky-ist People's Revolutionary Army which killed hundreds of Arg-entines, and kidnapped United

States businessmen, is listed as victim of repression. None of this means that the situation here is not bad. The Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, recognized by the Gov-ernment, calculates that 6,000 arrests have been made with our charge since the coup and report no less than 6,000 dis-appearances;

Luis Guagnini, aged 33, an Argentine journalist working as Buenes Aires correspondent for the London based newsletter Later America Political Report Latin America Political Report and Latin. America Economic Report, was arrested yesterday with his girl friend, Senorica Dora del Carnien Safa Romero. Relatives quoted police as saying they were held as guardillas or Mononeros (neo Peronist guerrillas).

# Animal lovers, saboteurs and a vegetarian

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Another way of defending hunters of foxes, otters and

fishermen, remove posters advertising circuses, insult people wearing furs and sick ouside zoos a notice staring, "Animal Prison This Way" as recommended by Animal Activists (PO Box 6, Crowborough, Sussey)

. Passions ere just es strong over experiments on animals. According to the Committee for the Reform of Animal Experimentation (c/o the RSPCA, The Couseway, Horsham, Sussex RH12 1HG, tel. 0403 64181), a million animals are killed every year in the "LD50" rest, which consists of administering to a group of animals a given sub-stance until 50 per cent suffers a lethal dose.

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Finally, the Vegetarian Society (53 Marloes Road, London W8 6LD, tel: 01-937 7739) produces for 100 a leaflet on Vegetarian Diet for Dogs and

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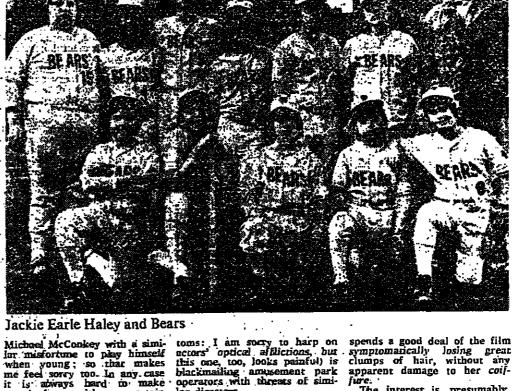
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Never have the Christmas films looked so unseasonal, with not even a Carry On as a nod to tradition; though I suppose Star Wars is the next best thing to panto. Recalling The Bad News Bears from last Christmas, you might think that you were in for another dyspeptic dose of fun with The Bad News: Bears in Breaking Training; but no such luck.
The new film is just another awful instance of Hollywood's inability to learn that you cannot make bricks without straw, and you cannot recapture the highly flavoured fun of The Bad News Bears without something to replace Walter Matthau and (like her or not). Tanum O'Neal.

There are no substitutions. Apart from an androgynous adolescent named Carmen, the Bears are much the same team as last year, only grown up somewhat and none the better for that. The writer (Paul Brickman) and director (Michael Pressman) fail dismally to make their delinquent antics either appealing or even very funny; and the sentimental bits involving Jackie Earle Hasey (whose ferrety sulks are the best thing in the picture) and his estranged Dad (William Devane) are plain mawkish. Since you're not laughing, the you're not laughing, the you have time to reflect on how the Bears always seem to be playing against such objectionable teams, cheating, fouling, bullying louts who persistently call them faggots: mally to make their delinquent louts who them faggots:



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lar misfortune to play himself when young; so that makes me feel sorry too. In any case me feel sorry too. In any case it is always hard in make parody fuony without a certain discipline; and here any ragbag gag is thrown in willy-nilly to keep the thing going. This Beau Geste (Michael York) has an unfortunate but loyal twin brother (Feldman, naturally) who takes the 956-year rap when Beau spirits the family treasure in Africa and the Legion, to prevent their rapacious stepmother (Annrapacious stepmother (Ann-Margret) from selling it.

The sombre lesson of the film is that, with Marty Feldman's material, the harder people my the less funny they tend to be. He himself works hardest of all. Peter Ustinov (wooden-legged Legion general), Roy Kinnear (his wooden-headed, sidekick) and Spike headed side-kick) and Spike Milligan (crumbling butler) also try far too much, in the ourcome Ann-Margret and Michael York, playing it just off straight, come off best, orr stranger, come un best, apart from a treasurable scene between Irene Handi es proprietress of a Dotheboys orphanage and Trevor Howard as Sir Hector Geste, seeking to purchase his Bean from her much soiled stock.

Rollercoaster, directed by James Goldstone, is a disaster movie with the disadvantage of staging its disaster at the start of the film and baving nothing left to follow it. A great roller-coaster collapses with all the earthquaking of Sensurround. Safety, inspector George Segal rightly suspects foul pigt. account of being too sorry for more for him than profit a and the death bed exquisitely his poor bad eyes. For this young psycholic of remarkable decorous. In Marthe Keller's film, which he directed, he has mechanical ingenuity (played case the sickness also seems to discovered a child called by the myopic Timothy Bot promote hair growth, since she

lar disasters.

There are spasmodic diversions: Richard Widmark and Heavy Fonda as cross old cops; George Segal, who can give back as funny a look as he gets when his ex-wife learns had raden to be ex-wife learns had raden to be ex-wife learns he's taken to hot combing his hair; moments of the remotecontrolled fairground duel of wits between Segal and Bottoms. The want of a rounding-off disaster produces a sense of despair at the end, though; and it all rather peters out in false alarms and anti-climax.

Bobby Deerfield, directed by Sydney Pollack, is adapted from a novel by Erich-Maria Remarque, who had an apparent preoccupation with stories about girl terminal patients leaving their clinics for a last fling. His story Beyond (tuberculosis patient absconds but returns to the doctor she loves) became The Other Love, a major MGM flop of 1947, even with Barbara Stanwyck and David Niven.

The interest is, presumably, the contrast between the kind of violent, sudden death in the midst of life that surrounds Bobby on the race track, and the side life that surrounds. the girl's lingering, almost im-perceptible sliding away; but it is not easy to engage in belief in a film where sickness and dying are so graceful and so surrounded with comforting opulence for which no one seems to have to pay the bills.

Marthe Keller's performance is the more interesting because

the character's impulsive and capricious actions, symptoms of her race with death, are so evidently cast against her isually cool and rational type. Al Pacino's conception of Bobby's world-weariness is surprisingly and irritatingly wooden in an actor who has previously promised so much.

The Black Panther is a curi-

osity, as a reconstruction of a living criminal and very recent crimes—the post-office mur-ders and the kidnapping and One would hiardly look for better success for this adaptation of the 1961 novel Heaven Has No Favourites (leukaemia patient absconds in the comlocations of the crimes—seems conscientious, allowing for tact in trea ing. certain aspects of the police handling of the affair. Donald Sumpter prowhich taught him only in-sensitivity to the suffering and death of others, and a fanati-cism for physical fancess.

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The film brings out the parkctic ordinariness of the circum-stances in which these appaling crimes were done. Poor Lesley Whittle, with her £82,000, was an "heiress" only in the terms of the local press and Neilson's dull mind; and his ambitious plans for the kid-nap "drop" were frustrated by the commonplace waywardness of telephone boxes and courting couples in the park. Neilson's criminal career is not a particularly inspiring or editying subject, perhaps, but Ian Merrick has made a very efficient, modest and compulsive first film out of it.

This week a brand new pur pose-built cinema complex, the Classic, opens in Oxford Street—a rare gleam in the mortal gloom which is the British cinema today. It is only a pity that they could not find more palatable opening attrac-tions. Death is Child's Play seems to be a Spanish production, with a Spanish director, N. Ibanez Serrador, and British leading actors, Lewis Fiander and Pruneila Ransome.

It is another variation of the a species revolving against its natural ways to become monstrous. In this case it is The Children who turn upon the adult world. The idea is pro-missing; and it starts well with the English couple's arrival on an island which seems totally deserted until odd children begin to appear, wearing strange and decidedly malevotaining the suspense begins to tell, and the film slips into a violent and bloody finale.

It is hard to know what Wizards is meant to be, though evidently Ralph Bakshi, erst-while creator of Fritz the Cat, has turned his back on porno-mation to set his sights on Higher Art: an allegory about a future world in which hatred and violence are conquered by love and a Lugar (which doesn't sound quite right). The images disconcertingly mingle every inventive graphic work with awful little cute elves and positively common cartoon clowns. When newsreels of Hitler's war suddenly become entangled in the mélée you wonder if Bakshi was not better off where he was.

There is not much to be said about Big Banana Feet, Murray Grigor and Patrick Higson's vivid documentary portrait of the Glesgow comic Billy Connolly, filmed in the course of a tour of Ireland in 1975, except to recommend it highly if you think you are up to Connolly's style of ribaldry. He likes to give the impression of Has No Favourites (leuksemia patient abscords in the company of racing driver, who brings her back to the clinic to die) but for the gilt-edged evidence of Love Story that leuksemia can draw the crowds. It is, of course, the special variety of the disease that strikes film heroines, leaving their beauty unimpaired to the end, and the death bed exquisitely which taught him only in likes to give the impression of a lumbering amateur; but he is highly professional and calculating. His method is to challenge you by talking about the things that everyone knows but nobody talks about; and then lead you on to question values in his life, the army career a little deeper than these first embarrassments. But warned: he is really quite rude. Still, he is quite the merriest thing for this Christmas.

#### Television

## For those with ears to hear

Working for Britain ATV

Michael Church

So here it is at last. Poor Mr Cubel Even if he does successfully take on the cameras of ATV, what, in all honesty, will he have achieved? One battle won, but the war no less inevitably lost.

nevitably lost.
From what I have seen of Antony Thomas's work and from what I have heard him publiciy say about it I see no reason to doubt his integrity, reason to doubt his integrity, but the questions raised by objectors to Working for Britain, his third South African report, are of perennial importance. Allegations of wilful distortion and inaccuracy, quite apart from the actual faking of scenes, are an awful reminder of the integral prices provided the property of the integral prices. of the journalist's power.
Now there is of course no

question but that Mr Thomas is passionately partisan in his chosen field. His trilogy is clearly intended to act as an indictment. There is no earthly reason why a just and reasonable indicament should not also be a moving experience for all

Count Dracula BBC2

Michael Church

The Lord of the Undead be praised! Like a boomerang, Bram Stoker's original tale is back with us again after many and varied transmogrification at the hands of generally inferior and over-free interpreters. And with what panache

There was scarcely a stack second in Gerald Savory's dramatization, and for a two-and a half hour block buster that is saying a lot. Philip Saville, who directed Count Dracula managed almost unfailingly to

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concerned: the unveiling of an workers' pinched, downtrodden injustice, which is what I kin and the squalor in which believe these programmes do they live? How does Leyland amount to, is almost bound to justify the extraordinary discount in program have the program of the program of the contract of th excite the emotions.

There have admittedly been

times when Mr. Thomas's footage has simply been too innocuous to bear the emotional and ous to bear the emotional and ideological weight put upon it, and times when he has tended counterproductively to overstate his case. The Search for, Sandra Laing dripped with well-meaning schmalz. While the camera lingered, in the Soweto camera ingered, in the sowers film on a five-year-old face to which the narrator imputed political thoughts, I in my ignorance wanted to impute thoughts which were much more

When on Wednesday the camera travelled slowly and portentously down from an aggrieved woman's face to the Bible in her hand, I felt that Mr Thomas was taking the easy way

But surely, for those with ears nessage for Brirons came loud and clear. Point your cameras at poverty and let the argu-ments about pence and hours take care of themselves. What can Mr Cobe say about his

create that essential frisson which comes from the inter-penetration of the preposter-ously demonic with the crassly familiar.

Without, I liope, being a pedantic bore I can retail just one chance that was shrown away: the moment when Jonathao Harker looks out of a high window and sees the count rapidly slithering down the castle wall—one of the most chilling points in the book here became merely a laboured device.

First and fast Dracula is about sex, and this team conveyed it marvellously. Susan Penhaligon, who is as we know, a ball of fire, played the per-fect victim, surrendering languidly to the suave ravisher, head thrown back, snowy neck thrust forward. She played the rampire with equal stylishness, the very incarnation of raging lust. Frank Finlay (what a reunion this was—Barbed Wire sea.

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walks again!! did good things It must be some time since with the unrewarding part of the cold grey tube last surrenVan Helsing and Iudi Bowker, dered to such an outburst of in the quieter role of Wilhal- joyful artificiality.

Gospel from memory For his first one man show. The For his first one man show, The James version at Riverside Greatest Story Ever Told, Studios on Sundays, January 8, Alec McCowen will be narrating 15, 22 and 29 at 5 pm. Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yester-day's later editions.

parity in wages between whites and blacks?

Mr Thomas suggests that justification is offered through the enactment of charades: the

the enactment of charades; the unfettered joy of tribal dances and racquer-less "tennis" on Mr Cube's official estate; meaningless pecking rituals in which Leyland whites demonstrate their innate superiority over Leyland blacks.

over keyland blacks.

But the most alarming section of the film was surely that which dealt with Geoff and his wife, who seem to have slipped effordessly into the predominant Afrikaner mould. For them the blacks are pampered, irresponsible, often kleptomaniae, and of value chiefly as noiseless household aids. Geoff, a Leyland employee fresh from Britain and now rolling in Britain and now rolling in luxury, can hardly believe his own good fortune (although we are given a grim postscript).
Black Charles, who does similar work for the same company and has digs in a shack, finds the vertiginous contrast between their life styles "very dis-heartening"

mina, was long-suffering and level-headed as only a Victorian heroine can be. Louis Jourdan, fastidious and debonair, made a magnificent count, as distant from Bela Lugosi's ham effigy as can be imagined.

This production also wisely went to town with Renfield, an

interesting character who is simultaneously a member of the vampire fraternity and also a textbook schizophrenic. bouquet therefore, to jack Shepherd.

In purely technical terms.

Count Dracula was a tour deforce. The soundtrack, with
Kenyon Emrys-Roberts's music, had a curiously desultory quality which underlined the camera's deft pinpointing of detail, a lengthening canine, a suddenly red eye. Sometimes, with a swift lurch into negative colour, the screen itself seemed to go mad, and then back we would be in pretty Whitby graves, clouds and the

(from memory) the whole of St Mark's Cospel in the King

ing in duplicate on stage, com-plete with family. As the de-lighted cheers and organized "whees" and "whoos" of the children reveal, Mr Hall has no trouble leading his audiences through Pirandello country, and the open threatricality of his approach is met with eager par-There are ghosts of Christmas

ticipation

It might strike adults as a sort of "Two !Convicts in Search of a Pannomime", as Gilbert and Crosby, played by Tom Owen and Mike Savage, make their escape through the audience aided by children who obligingly observer the audience who obligingly obstruct the pursuing wardens, but the children are rising to a stronger instinct when they very vocally oppose the bullying of Stephen Lewis's Constable Comment They Constable Grummett. They might well be rebellious prisoners themselves when as a mass, they reject Grummett's Grummett's house and finally accost the convicts in a lonely plan for a convicts' carol con-

previous plays, in a few years he will have a hard time firing in new plots, new tricks or even new jokes.

Workshop Collegiate ·

On the strength of so slight a piece it would not be possible to say categorically that Cooke has a gift for choregraphy, but at least he avoids all the pir-

There were six other contributors to the programme. Michael Pink's Le Portrait had an ingenious idea in its rever-sal of a familiar situation, with Nicholas Johnson as a sort of Jeune Homme aux Camelias prevented by his middle-aged gentleman friend from running

capers past which hover over Willis Hall's new Christmas play for the Dolphin Theatre Company. Last year, the first-time visitor will learn. Dracula made an appearance to frighten Mr Hall's two convict heroes, and the year before saw the Frankenstein monster rampaging through the convicts annual romp. This year, as Convict Gilbert and Convict Crosby escape from prison to find a decent Christmas tree, there is a werewolf to peer through the windows of Derective Constable

> cert in favour of a rumobustious prisoners' panto. Mr Hall captures his audience by a variety of tracks, well orchestrated in Brian Rawlinson's production of what has become a real seasonal, success story, but, if he continues to multiply the references to his

Festival Ballet

John Percival

The most attractive piece on the "choreographic evening" offered by London Festival Bal-let at the Collegiate Theatre on Wednesday was Kerrison Cooke's Opus One-Situations. A duet for himself and Noleen Nicol to the adagio from Dvorak's American Quartet, it flowed becomingly with the rusic and showed a good feeling for foots ing for form

stretch of pantomime forest.

The play is intricately designed to fade from theatrical fantasy to an illusion of theatri-

cal reality, with actors revealing themselves as actors to the audi-

ence, with such tricks as the

convicts escaping from a police

station by disappearing into their dressing rooms, and with Constable Grummett's sup-posedly real living room appear-

falls that beset an aspirant's Introduction and Rondo Capricfirst steps and shows just cioso. Supervia's was the more enough individuality to encourtasteful but also more dull; age hope.

gentieman friend from rumang after a pretty girl. But the movement showed little spirit, relying mainly on the persona-lity of the performers.

Solo Mio!, a number arranged for Vivien Loeber by Freya Dominic to music from Redion with prespecting.

Shehedrin's Carmen Ballet, was mainly a matter of clever pre-sentation. Still, that is already some kind of achievement from producer and performer. Un-fortunately Dominic and Pink both lowered their average score by producing a second work of rather less interest. Bertrand Perrau and Trevor Wood are both complete newcomers to choreography; the former proved slightly solemn in his Botticelli evocation, the

latter a little too inclined to facetiousness in his burlesque of a classical pas de deux but winning effective performances from Christine Keith and Jean Louis Colorne. Louis Cabane.

James Supervia and Liliana Belfiore both staged straight-forward, somewhat old-fashioned suites of dances, respectively to Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Saint-Saens

Belfiore's plethora of exuberant movement overfilled the stage and over-taxed some of her cast, although Janette Mulligan and Nigel Burgoine coped valiantly in the leads. Not much excitement but

little that was boring : on the whole, above average for such occasions. The gift of choreo-graphic talent is inborn, not raught; but the only way to find our whether anyone has it is to let him or her try. A Similarly, the success of O great deal of gravel has to be sifted for a few greins of gold, but that was always the way

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## Boycott stays behind | Australians to roll out the barrel of soft drink

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Lahore, Dec 22

Among the 13 players from whom the Pakistan side for tomorrow's one-day " international " in Sabiwal will be chosen are the holders of two, world records-Mansoon Akhtar, who is 19, and Khalid Irtiza, who is 20. Akhtar and Waheed Mirza, playing for the National Bank, shared in an opening partnership of 561 against the Ouetta Cricket Association last February, and Irtiza, playing for the United Bank against Multan in Karachi, helped Aslam Ali 10

put on 456 for the third wicket in 1975-76.

When is a record not a record, you might ask. At the time when Akhar and Mirza set up theirs, Pakistan's leading players were on tour in the West Indies and the opposition were not as good as an average London club side. It was a three-day match rhough and a three-day match, though, and that is the yardstick. The record they broke, rather sadly, was the 555 of Herbert Sutcliffe and Percy Holmes for Yorkshire against Rssex at Leyton in 1932. While 13 of the touring party are in Sahiwal tomorrow, Boycott

Essex at Leyton in 1932.

While 13 of the touring party are in Sahiwal tonorrow, Boycott will be playing for the Gymkhana Club in a local march here. He has also fixed up a game on Christmas Eve against the Gymkhana. Two or three weeks ago, when Boycott was taken III in Buth before Yorkshire took the field against Somerset; he was well enough by the Monday to have a game for the Landsdowne Club in a local league. The hundred which he scored for them was worth a barrel of beer, according to the custom of the competition, and they were duly awarded one. At the Gymkhana Chub these days it would have to be a barrel of Seven Up..

The president and secretary of MCC, and so, ex officio, the chairman and secretary of the International Cricket Conference, David Clark and Jack Balley respectively, are due here next week during the three-day match against the Habibback, on a tour, it is thought, of the full member countries of the ICC, to discuss the course of action to be taken regarding the Packer players in the Hight of the recent high court ruling, and also presomably to consider whether or not to appeal. In Australia they will meet, I am sure, with an estabilishment confident that they have Packer on the run and will therefore be reluctant to make either him or his distillusioned players any concessions. Here in Pakistan the party line is a lot less predictable, with the government of the country likely to have as much of a say as the Board of Control for Cricket, and more likely to be concerned about the "honour and glory" of winding Test matiches than what is best for the game. PAKISTAN: From: Wastin Bari, Sadio Mohammad, Mudassar Nazar. glory of winning Test matches than what is best for the game. PAKISTAN: From: Wasim Back, Sadiq Mohammad, Mudassar Nazar, Shafique Ahmed, Haroon Rashid, laved Miandad, Wasim Raja; Pervez Mir, Aamir. Hamid, Llaquat Ali, Khalid Lrtiza, Mansoor Akhtar, Sikandar Bakht.
ENGLAND: M. Brearley, B. Rose. M. Gattiug, C. Old, D. Randall, G. Roope. I. Botham, G. Miller, P. Edmonds, P. Downton, M. Hendrick.

Variety wanted : Edmonds is the see run into form. Middlesex's-left-arm slow bowler would add much-needed variety to the attack —the selectors were unhappy about fielding both off-spin

Women leave

The Women's Cricket Associa-

tion team left London yesterday

for a five-week tour of India and Palistan—as part of a world series competition. The team captain, Mary Pilling, a controversial replacement for Rachael Filiat, said: "We are not making any prediction about whether we will win the series or not. Obviously, it is an added bouns if we win, but that is not why we play.

for India

pick same 12 for next two Tests

sounding vote of confidence in the team which beat India by two wickets in Perth yesterday by ciboosing the same 12 for the third and fourth Test matches to be played in Melbourne and Sydney. The team is: R. Simpson (captain), C. Serjeant (vice-captain), J. Dyson, D. Ogilvie, P. Toohey, K. Hughes, S. Rixon, S. Gannon, W. Clark, J. Thomson, A. Mann; G. Cosler. G. Cosier.

The move is surprising despite Australia's success in winning the first two Tests, Serjeant, the vice-Australia's success in winning the first two Tests. Serjeant, the vice-captain, is particularly fortunate to find himself retained after scoring only 25 runs in four Test innings. Serjeant's failure is the cause of Simpson's biggest headache—finding a suitable opening partnership. Simpson has tried different combinations of opening batsmen in each Test but the best result has been an opening stand of 24. The Australians are likely to persevere with Serjeant in the hope that the form that has carved him a 62-run average in the Sheffield Shield compenition will eventually show in his Test play, but Cosler—twelfth man in Perth—is standing by for a recall.

Rixon, the wicketkeeper, will have to satisfy the selectors of his fitness before he takes his place in the team. He has a badly bruised hand. Rixon has withdrawn from the New South Wales team to play Victoria starting in Melbourne tomorrow but is confident of being fit before the third Test starting there on December 30.

Edmonds shows what his left

bowlers in the first Test match-and his strong-arm batting and all-round competence in the field would also be welcomed (Reuter

would also be welcomed (Reuter report).

"The Sehiwal match is a real chance for the players: who haven't had much cricket on the tour so far." Ken Barrington, the England manager, said yesterday. "It's up to them to take it." His players were leaving later in the day by coach for Sahiwal. The journey is 92 miles and should shake the lethargy out of the players' bones after a three-day break since the Test.

The Pakistan hoard still have

break since the Test.

The Pakistan board still have not seen a copy of the letter which Sarfraz Nawaz, the fast bowler, said he had sent them. The letter contained criticism over payment and over Sarfraz's right to have a say in team selection. Zafar Ahmed, the board secretary, said: "It is impossible for us to do anything until we hear from Sarfraz."

Sarfraz was unrepentant in Lon-

don yesterday about his ultimatum to his country's board. "I flew here yesterday because I had some

business contracts to consider and

arm is for

30. The fast-medium bowler. Hurst, has fadled to uin back his place after withdrawing from the second Test through injury. His replacement, Gannon, took three for 84 and four for 77. The main bowling worry still centres on the spin attack and the leg spin bowler Mann. Mann has failed to collect a wicket in three ionings after taking three for 12 in the first innings at Brisbane.

at Brisbane.

His match-winning knock of 105 in the second Test meant he could bardly be dropped but he is primarily in the side as a spin bowler and will need to show form in that department to be assured of his place in the Australian team to tour the West Indies. The side for the West Indies tour from February to May will be chosen after the fourth Test ends in Sydney on January 12.

The touring Indian cricketers are due to arrive in Launceston late tonight and will have time for only a short set practice before

late tonight and will have time for only a short net practice before going into action again. They face Tasmania, newcomers to the Australian Sheffield. Shield in a 40-overs a side match there, which under normal circumstances might be a fairly light-hearted exercise. However after their defeat in the Test and the 3,000-ndle flight from Perth it will be understandable if the Indians are a little dispiritud. India's captain Bedi remains cheerful about the team's prospects.

artitude", he said.

"After the tour of Australia and West Indies last winter they paid my air fare back to London, as they said I was based in England. Well, if that is the case, why will they not pay my fare to Pakistan for this winter's cricket? prospects.

Bedi was able to smile about the narrow defeats in both Tests, by two wickets in Perth and 16 runs in Brisbane. "These sort of results are not good for the heart", he said. Tasmania, who have lost their two opening Sheffield Shield matches, will be captained by the 36-year-old Laucashire off-spin bowler Jack Simmons, who is in his sixth season as coach to the Northern Tasmania Cricket Association in Launceston. The Indians have yet to amounce their side. similar position.

"I have had no word from the board since I left, but they have my phone number in London and I am willing to discuss the matter with them at any time. But they are never very quick at communicating. Of course, I want to continue playing for my country, but not under the financial conditions as they are at the moment.

"I shall be speaking to my county secretary. Ken Turner, to acquaint him with the position. But I have no return ticket to Pakistan." have yet to announce their side for the match but Tasmania will field the team that lost to Victoria

Mallett injury mars victory Mclbourge, Dec 22.-An Austra-

Mallett ducked to avoid the ball but it hit him on the back of the neck and he collapsed.

He was carried from the ground on a stretcher, admitted to the Mildura hospital with concussion and detained overnight for observation. The victory put the Australians level with the World team on six points in the Country Cup series.

SCORES: World XI 356 (Inner 97. Melbourne, Dec 22.—An Australlan XI won a dramatic and
exhausting match by two wickets
over a World XI in their two-day
Country Cup match at Mildura,
north of here today. Set to score
357 to win, the Australians batted
for seven and a quarrer hours in
a remperature of 95 Fahrenheit to
achieve their target.

Their victory was marred by the
injury to Ashley Mallett, who was
knocked out by a bouncer from
Imran Khan with the Australians
only two runs short of victory.

Hopes were high but attendances are low at the circus that lacks atmosphere and passion

# Poor man's cry from rich man's wreckage

The date of the Test and County Cricket Board's meeting to discuss the question of an appeal against the judgment in the Packer trial, given on November 25, has been changed from January 6 to January 17. Since an appeal has to be lodged within six weeks, it may seem, on the face of it, a confession of defeat. This is not so. The six weeks start from the date of a subsequent legal formality. The TCCB and, equally, the International Cricket Conference, have until nearly the end of January in which to lodge an appeal.

On the one hand, they must be mindful of the fear of throwing good money after bad. The cost of an appeal would be of the order of a quarter of the original cost, or upwards of £50,000. On the other hand, the possibility of not only perhaps winning but also of recovering some, if not all, of the original costs of between £200,000 and £250,000 is a tempting consideration. That both authorities and their ream of legal advisers were stunned by the severity of Mr Justice Slade's judgment is almost to understate the case. Shellshocked might be a better word. They were, I think, prepared to suffer some knocks along the way but they had never envisaged defeat on all seven counts in the case. Now, perhaps, they can draw some comfort from the comparative failure of the Packer enter-

Packer: Authorities can draw comfort from the comparative failure of his enterprise in the first phase of its existence.

as, or should have been, at stake in what could reasonably have been con-strued as full-scale international con-tests. In my experience, a match, between a national side and a con-glomerate lot from elsewhere, no matter low talented, claims much less atten-

Those of us who felt, from the start, that the venture might be ill-founded have so far seen our views vindicated. There has to be something more at stake than a parade of talent under lucrative contracts. Audience involvement, if anything, is more important and there is nothing like national fervour and national pride, jingoistic though it may sound, for rousing the

We were led to believe, in the days of high summer and high hopes, that

hordes of people would be prepared to walk a milion miles to see Lillee bowling at Barry Richards: But when the great event came to pass fewer than 3,500 travelled the 15 miles from the centre of Melbourne. It seems to have been overlooked that we have become used to seeing the likes of Lillee if not Lillee himself last year, bowling at Richards in county cricket. Yet the average gate for county channelments are the last year. championship matches last summer

The authorities would probably be content to allow the legal case to drop were they convinced that the Packer series was collapsing under its own weight of high-level promise and low-level achievement. But the character of Kerry Packer remains the enigma. Given the man he is, would he, also,

step throwing good money after bed and call it a day? Or would ke, at all costs, be determined to save his face? If the second characteristic is uppermost, there is no knowing what damage may yet be inflicted on the game.

Everything seems to have conspired against the poor man. Whereas his band of Australians have been summarily dismissed, the official Test side has marginally scraped home against India in two thrilling finishes, each going to five days. What is more, Bobby Simpson, who has called into

question the very behaviour of the Australians with Mr Packer (and it

dees not apply only to Australians), has emerged at 41, as the hero. It is true that World Series Cricket (Mr Packer's operating commany) had better attendances than the second Test match, thereby reversing the surprising experience at Melbourne, but WSC were on a much better wicket (figuratively speaking) in a big city like Sydney than the authorities were at Perti. A truer test will be pra-rided at the turn of the year when the third Test at Melbourne clashes with the third Pucker death against the West Indians at Adelaide.

Mr Packer's most articulate spokes-man in this country, staffally country

Mr Packer's most articirate spokes-man in this country, ruefully survey-ing the wreckage strewn ground WSC, has appealed for the two sides to work our a compromise to evoid further damage to the game. This takes no account of the weak position into which Mr Packer has new fallen. If it is too early to say he has bought a pig in a poke, he and his advisers must be wondering what sort of calmal must be wondering what sort of an mal they have in their stable. Where, now, are the brash trumpetings of the healthy need for competition, of the requirement to shake up the establishment, of super-Test superiority?

If there is seen to be no proper substitute for authorized Test cricket, the game, I believe, will be all the better for the discovery. I do not accept that the top players are the paupers they are said to be—and I speak as one who heard every word untered by the nine players who gave evidence during the trial—but there is a clear need for something to be come for the run-of-the-mill country player. There is where the priority lies.

## Lewis loses \$2,000 to find compensation in Tanner

Melbourne, Det 22.—Christopher Lewis, a New Zealandes, aged 20, continued his remarkable form today when he beat Roscoe Tanner, the defending champion, in five sets in the first round of the Australian open tennis champion ships ar Kooyong here today, lot of tennis lately and I shipk I'm a tournament in Adelaide a little run down." Tanner, who had only one day's break after of a tournament in Adelaide a fortnight ago, defeated the second-seeded Tanner 3—5, 6—3, 6—2,

parative failure of the Packer enter-prise, so far as it has gone.

The highlight of the series, the matches between an Australian XI and

a West Indian XI (virtually the full Test sides) has already disintegrated. The first tr) matches, which should have spanned five days each, both ended in three and, worse still, in heavy defeats for the Australians. Ten days of the state of the state

gate receipts, such as they were, were reduced to six and, worse still, 10 days of television were similarly cur to six.

We are involved here in not so much a sporting occasion as a television spectacular, in which the players are merely men in the middle, in both senses of the expression. With the series already decided, the third match is hardly likely to command any grapt

is hardly likely to command any great public support.

Similarly, I would doubt if the three matches against a so-called World XI will have even the appeal, muted as it

was, of those against the West Indians. At least in those matches national pride

Lewis admitted afterwards that his mind had wandered to the \$2,000 stolen from this waller in the changing room yesterday. After today's performance he is certain to recoup most of the money, for even if he loses in the second round he will pick up \$1,400. Lewis admitted afterwards that his mind had wandered to the \$2,000 stolen from this; wallet in last week. He won it to collect the changing room yesterday. After today's performance he is certain to recoop most of the money, for even if he loses in the second round he will pick up \$1,400.

Detectives were called to Kootong late yesterday after Lewis reported the money missing. He Ken Rosewall, the fourth seed.

yong site yesterasy missing. He recovered \$1,700 worth of international air tickets and was able to cancel a \$1,250 cheque, but the cash had not been found late

the cash had not been found late today.

Richard Lewis, a tall blond Englishman, caused the second big upset of the round with a five-set win over Tony Roche, the third seed, this evening. Lewis defeated the Australian Davis Cup player 4-6, 4-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 7-3. The top seed, Vitas Gerulatis, of the United States, salled into the second round with a straight-sets victory over John Marks, of Sydney. Gerulatis overcame a tough first set to win 7-5, 6-0, 6-1.

Lewis's success came as Tanner's Lewis's success came as Tanner's famous 140 mph service and powerful volley came as landers and powerful volley came began to weaken. "Tanner's serve wasn't as big as it stanted off, in the first set", Lewis said. "It began to get

throughout the march. I rees the decause I've been playing a lot of tennis lately and I think I'm a little run down.", Tanner, who had only one day's break after playing in an Australian-United States night-time challenge match in Adelaide, said. Tanner had tolled through the

Ken Rosewall, the fourth seed, reached the second round with a 5-4, 7-6, 6-3 win over Dale Collings, a bulky fellow Austra-



Rugby Union

## bring glad tidings

Rosslyn Park 15. Coventry by Rosslyn Park beat Coventry by a penaity goal, a dropped goal and two tries to nothing at Roebampton last evening. It was one of Park's best performances of the season and they owed it to well-organized Rugby by their forwards and excellent tacking by all conducted. Rossborough missed an easy

cerned.

Rossborough missed an easy penalty for Coventry, and Ralston a difficult one for Park in the early stages. Rossborough also made a dangerous run down the right fishle, to underline the fact that Coventry were having most of the play in terms of territorial advantage. Gradually, however, Park forced themselves into the trime.

game.

iWth half an hour gone, Park took the lead. They spun the ball from inside their own half, missed out Finskey and Bate came into the line to set Sainter free on the right. Sainter tried to sip Rossborough and falled, but Warfield was at his left elbow for the scoring pass. Raiston made a measof the conversion attempt. So if of the conversion attempt. So at half time it was 4-0 to Park and, on the evidence of the preceding 20 minutese at least, they

and, on the evidence of the greceding 20 minutese at least, theydeserved it.

At the start of the second half,
Bate, the Bark full back, injured
his shoulder and Hooke replaced
him. Fluskey moved to full back,
and Sainter; and Hooke, changed
places. Moments later, Coventry
were penalized at a ruck and
George kicked the goal fibrit in
front of the posts. Ten minutes
later, Park were 10 polars up.
The ywere awarded an indirect
free kick in front of the Coventry
posts and when the ball went back
to Ralston he dropped a goal.
Even better followed almost
imediately for Park. They won
a mail on the left, Warfield broke
through the middle in England
style and Hooke, though falling,
got up to score in the corper,
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Hooke). R. Sheiger, S. Pluskey, F.
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COVENTRY: P. Rossborough: P. Knoe. P. Prece, S. Hamilton, S. Malsoy: R. Alichison, P. Lander: J. Hamer, A. Farrington, T. Dingler, C. McCarthy, M. Shager, G. Robbet, B. Ninner S. Olivor, Referee: J. Wikhamson, Flondoit

## Rosslyn Park | Snags for fixture planners caused by All Blacks' tour

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent The two months' tour of the All Blacks in these islands at the end

Blacks in these islands at the end of 1978, coming hard upon—and perhaps even overlapping—the visit of Argentina to England in September/October, will cause a king-stard problem for England's fixture planners. The Air Commodore Bob Weighill, secretary of the RFII, may be putting a wel towel around his head over Christmas by way of preparation for the troubles they will face as soon as the four home unions Committee have specified when and how often English games will figure in the New Zealand itherary.

The Argentines seem likely to play their first match on September 27, but two of their eight fixtures may be played in freiand or Wales. One of the fixtures, for which the likeliest date is October 14, will be an international against the Bully may made by which the likeliest date is October, 14, will be an international against England, so the RFU may need in nominate five further matches. The original plan was to bit the muring side against the four English divisions, but it was decided last August to walt antil the situation with regard to the Springboke four had been resolved.

tour had been resolved.

If the authorities decree 18 matches for the All Blacks, who want to be home in good time for Christmas. New Zealand's tour would have to begin on October 18, three days before Argentina finish their programme. By then, however, Argentina could be in Ireland or Wales. If the All Blacks four, were to be reduced by two

land, may feel they deserve a more generous allocation because, 13 1967, when there was an outbreak in that country of foor and mouth disease, Brian Lochore's All disease, Brian Lochore's Ai Blacks did not tour there at all. Whatever is decided, the leading Welsh clubs seem lated not to get the traditional fixtures they would have expected on a full tour. Assuming that the RFU have Assuming that the RFU have to arrange just four fixtures outside of the international at Twickenham, local pride would not be joited if the All Blacks were to play the sides who have just confested the divisional championship. In that event, the Union might decide to pit Argentia agricult four regional transcript. against four regional teams—in the north, for instance, a XV from one side of the Pennines or the other.

were against the Barbarians. a realistic split, including the inter-nationals, might be five games for England, four for Wales, and three each for Scotland and Ireland. Ire-

However matters are resolved, it will be a difficult job to slot the additional fixtures into a programme that by the end of the year provides for the completion of the county championship as well as the newly tried interregional and divisional trial games. I suggested the other day, when reviewing the purely domestic arrangements—with a crush of Saturday representative matches which have so upset the leading clubs—that something had to give. Now, more than ever, there will

## Hignell may join Bedford

Alastair Highell will make his first appearance for Bristol for pearly two years against Newbridge at the Memorial Ground on Boxing Day, in what looks like being his last season with the club. Highell, who also plays for the Barbarians at Lekester on December 21, is seriously considering, joining Bedford, where he hopes to take up a teaching appointment when he comes down from Cambridge University next Highell, said: "Nothing has been finally arranged but I want a teaching job which will leave in the first scottish are upset that their scrum half, Alan Lawson, has not been chosen. Hignell said: "Nothing has been finally arranged but I want a teaching job which will leave

New climactic role should have a stimulating effect on the Australian game

## Independent spirit of enterprise pays off

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent The grand prix Masters tournament,

to be played at Madison Square Garden in New York, will begin four days after the finals of the Australian championships, which are now in progress at Melbourne. Two of the most distinguished events in the tennis calendar are being crammed into three weeks stretching from one year to the next. Even the most traditional of holiday seasons has yielded to the growth of the tennis entertainment business—to the willingness of sponsors

more jobs for more money. A new feature of the Australian championships (a feature to be retained next year) is that they now end the grand slam and the grand prix instead of beginning them. They have been granted a climactic role. Together with since 1973, this should have a stimulating effect on the once-proud Australian game, which has declined for a variety of reasons during the first decade of ones terms.

to provide players of both sexes with

The customary terminus of the grand slam, the United States championships, are also beginning a new era. They are being shifted less than five miles, from Forest Hills to a new national tennis centre in Flushing Meadow Park. This site fell into disuse after the 1964 World Fair. But the necessary demolition work has been done, the foundations laid, the drains reorganized. In the next eight months, a splendid tennis complex is to be built at an estimated cost of almost E3m. For the first time, the United States championships will be played at a public facility rather than a private club.

The mixed feelings born from sentimentality should be moderated in that the five United States championships have been united in one tournament for only eight years. The women's singles, played there since 1921, has the longest continuous association with Forest

For the French championships, too, 1978 will be a special year. It will be the fiftieth anniversary of the Roland Carros Stadium in Paris. In 1927 the "Four Musketeers" beat the United States in the Davis Cup challenge round at Philadelphia. Roland Garros was constructed as a worthy environment for their defence of the troopty. France retained the Davis Cup there every year until Britain beat them in 1933.

To some extent the grand slam (the feat of winning the French, Wimbledon, United States and Australian championships in the same year) has lost its ships in the same year) has lost its distinctive identity. This has merged into the wider concepts of the grand prix, the corresponding Colgate series

prix, the corresponding Colgate series for women, and showpiece play-off events: the Masters and the Colgate championships. In 1978, for similar reasons, the World Championship Tennis circuit will be somewhat devalued by its incorporation, for the first time, in the grand prix.

In 1971, WCT pur men's professional tennis on its feet. Nowadays the tennis on its feet. Nowadays the Association of Tennis Professionals provide for nothing the services provide for nothing the services (notably promotional expertise and the organization of players) for which WCT charged tournaments a fee. Up to a point, the role played by WCT on the international circuit has become redundant. In future, they may concentrate more on their coaching centres and tennis-oriented holiday or residential communities. But they will continue to promote big-money "special events", including their renowned doubles and singles play-off series at Kansas City and Dallas.

In the same way, the pioneering status of the Virginia Slims circuit for women is gradually being absorbed within the newly-coordinated Colgate and Dallas. within the newly-coordinated Colgate series. For both sexes the professional game as a whole is now better, organized than it has ever been, not least in the necessary development of subsidiary circuits for players on the way up or the way down

ne way down.
The rebelliously independent spirit The rebelliously independent spirit of enterprise shown by WCT and Virginia Slims has had healthy long-term effects. Their administrative battles with the International Lawn battles with the International Lawn battles with the International Lawn battles federation (which has since

dropped the "Lawn") and the National Associations worried and irritated the players and led to the formation of the ATP and the corresponding Women's Tennis Association. After the ATP had confounded most of the pundits by closing their ranks in defiance of the ILTF at Wimbledon in 1973, there was a further step forward—the creation of separate international councils to run men's and women's professional tennis.
On these councils the players, the ITF (as it is now), and the tournaments are equally represented. The chairman of the men's council is Robert Briner, who was executive director of WCT during the controversies of the late 1960s and now has a similar job with the ATP. The president of the ITF is Philippe Chatrier, formerly one of WCT's most unyielding opponents. Both are "good" men in the old-fashioned sense of the word and nowadays they dash about the world serving the same cause. To find them working together is to realize how much the game's administration has matured in 10 years. The ATP and the WTA have also men's and women's professional tennis. The ATP and the WTA have also marured. The game was bound to benefit once its administration drew on the knowledge and sense of responsibility of the mena nd women who play it for a living. However, our respect for the work both organizations are doing should not blind us to the fact that their primary concern, like that of other workers' unions, is to protect

and advance the careers and wishes of their members. The allocation of prize money is one area in which the collective views of the players may be said to conflict with the game's wider interests. The public's appreciation and enjoyment of doubles has been recognized by the increasing promotion of doubles by WCT, World Team Tennis, the grand prix, and the Colgate series—but has yet to be reflected in the prize-money at nournaments featuring both singles and doubles events. When disguised as accepted practice, injustice has considerable powers of survival.

all, as a pleasant diversion, a sharpen-ing form of match practice, with a useful cheque for their trouble. This attitude merely represents a desire to earn a decent living without unneces-sary effort, in an age when a con-gested fixture list has increased the annual work load.

The powerfully influential Wimbledon management committee, who have come round to an awareness of the injustice, could set an example. But even the Wimbledon committee have deemed it temporarily imprudent-because of the players wishes as ex-pressed through the international coun-cils—to grant the three doubles events more than a combined 26 per cent of the prize-money. At any five-event tournament, 40 per cent would be more equitable (at two-event tournaments 35 per cent). The players are usually right, but not always. Their policy about the prize-money breakdown is wrong—and they should not be allowed to forget it.

The "point penalty system," used in five 1977 grand prix tournaments has been approved for a maximum of 15 in 1978. It covers delays (at the start of a match, at changeovers, and during protracted arguments), obscene langu-age or gestures, hitting the ball out of court, and throwing a racket about: Players can be penalized by the loss of a point, a game, even disqualifica-tion. Distasteful though it is, the system may be more effective than its predecessors in reminding the minority of badly behaved players of their res-ponsibilities to opponents, court officials, the public, and the game as a

whole. Thankfully the best players-a tribe currently led by Bjorn Borg and Christine Evert—are consistently exemplary in their bearing under fire. Though there have been exceptions to tional self-indulgence of bad behaviour is usually the trademark of consciously, inadequate players who feel a need to blame someone else, or something else, for the adversity arising from their own deficiencies. Natural champions feel no

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SWITZERLAND

Skiing

#### Plank has crowd screaming itself cuckoo

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Dec 22.—
Herbert Plank, of Italy, gained his second World Cup downhill ski victory of the season today and so silenced the so-called "cuckoo, clock controversy" that has soured the nivalry between the Austrian and Italian teams.

More than 25,000 spectators shricked themselves hoarse as Plank shot down the 3,350 merts.

Tofana course (vertical down. Plank shot down the 3,350 metre.
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Plank's win put to rest an
Austrian charge that Itakan timekeepers had interfered with the
electronic equipment to ensure a
Plank victory in the downfall at
Val Gardena last Sunday.
Regions Bussel Statement Plank

Bernard Russi, of Switzerland, who needed an injection before the race to kill the pain in his injured knees, came in second in limin 51.12sec. The 29-year-old veteran's farish put the beleaguered Swissback in the downfall running.

Peter Wirasbenger, and 19. of Austria, was third in limin 51.24sec. and his teammark Klames Reached. and his teammate, Klaus Eberhard, fourth in Imin 51.61sec. Franz Klaumer; the Obviole champion. finished a poor eighth behind his teammate. Bartl Cemphiciler. Erwin Josi, of Switzerland, and Werner Grissmann, of Austria.



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## Allen says ves to astonishing

By Stuart Jones

Rongle Allen gesterday accepted what was described as an associating differ to become the Saudi Arabian najional manager. His couldness, for 16 months is worth 2100,000, or 2200 a day, ax free. On Monday night, West Bronnwich Albion, his former club, offered kinn a shree-year contract worth 550,000.

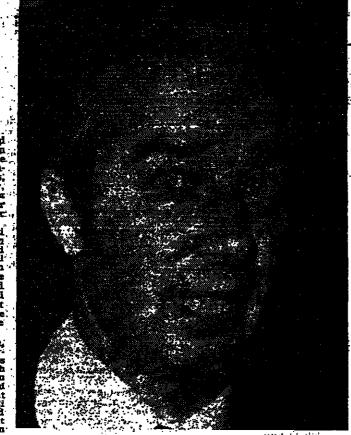
West Bronnwich played in Saudi Arabia last week and it was then that Mr Allen was first appreached about the post vacated by Bill McGarry. Ron. Saunders, of Aston Villa, had shready rejected the opportunity. January Hall, the head of a company handling football appointments there, then dealt with the arrangements which were contraded at the palace of Prince years. Mr Allen informed his chairman,

Fahar, the detence manager.

Mr. Allen informed his chairman, Bert Millichip, of the deal yesterday. A meeting of the directors was hastily arranged, after which a statement was issued. "Mr Allen has advised us that he has decided to accept the astonishing offer that he has received from the Saudi Arabian Football Association and there is no way, under our present there is no way, under our present gration system, that any club in the British lates could compete financially."

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We are disappointed to lose him but we are left with no choice but to accept with regret. The club has to continue and matters club has to continue and matters for the time being will be sa the hands of the captain; John Wile, and physiotherapist. George Wright, while the board takes immediate action to find a suitable replacement. Everyone in football now knows the situation. We need a manager and invite, applications.



Allen: £200 a day, tax free from Arabs.

once I had the circumstances fully for the time being will be is the hands of the captain. John wille, and physiotherapist. Geosge Wright, wille the board takes immediate action to find a suitable replacement. Everyone in football now knows the situation. We need a manager and invite applications. Mr Allen said: "It has been a difficult decision to make. I feel I have made it with my head and not my heart. I have had talks with Prince Fahar, who is in charge of the soccer setup, and I was so impressed with their ambitions approach and terms that I decided to accept them there and then. I appreciate the offer made

by Albion but I had no hesitation in choosing to go to Saudi Arabia once I had the circumstances fully explained to me."

Mr Allen had been under the manager, I believe they have had impression that a contract with limits of the manager of full value for their noney. He was Bromwich would have been add. "Because of flight delays, I have had only eight hours sleep since Monday might and, at the

# until his heart was broken by Arkle. Then from 1964 to 1966 his mighty conqueror bestrode the steeplechasing world like a colossus, reducing not only the Chettenham Gold Cup but also the big handicaps to mockeries, so few being prepared to take him on. Until his tragic accident at Kempton Park, Arkle only tasted defeat twice, first by Flying Wild and Buona Notte in the Massey Perguson Gold Cup and then when he narrowly falled to give Stalbridge Colonist two and a half stones in the 1966 Rennessey Gold Cup.

Those darking into the shops for their last minute Christmas purchases could do their racing purchases could do their racing friends a worse turn than buy them a copy of Sir At The Top (Heinemann, £5.95), it is written by Iwor Herbert and is an analysis of six of our leading National Hunt wainers, Fred Winner, Rob Tranell, Fred Rimell, Tony Dickinson, Cordon Richards and Jim Dreaper. The sexual and their personalities come to life with deferent characters and their personalities come to life with derert's vivid powers of description.

resolution. Their is a deciment the horses and Mercy doing the entries. They are masters of long-term planning and never hurry their horses. They are always proterm planning and never hurry their horses. They are always produced cherry ripe on the big day. Of his triumphs, Rimell's four victories in the Grand National speak for shemslyes. Like the Rimell's, the Dickinsons also work in harness. Tony, the trainer, is one of the beer judges of a young horse in the land. Both he and tiss wife Montica, who is an expert feeder, were leading point-to-point riders. Their son Michael, the stable jockey, is a skilful horseman and a superb judge of pace.

This is the skeleton of Herbert's story. His covering of the bare bones with the trainers' lives makes fascinating reading. His other two subjects, present sticking contrasts. The cocky Gordon Richards, whose time spent in fair-ground booths is obvious from his rolling boxer's walk. Supercharged with adrenalin, and a both gambler, Richards's abundant energy and enthusiasm has to be kept in check by his wife, Jean.

On the other hand, the 25-year-old lim Dreaper is quietly spoken

of phrase.

My own priceless memory of Jim is after Brown Lad had ploughed his way through the bottomless going to win the Lloyd's Bank Hurdle with incredible case in 1975. Those of the press who had obtained 8 to 1 against Brown Lad.

for the Sun Alliance Steeplechase the following afternoon, inquired anxiously as to his prospects of taking part. "If Brown Lad is alive, he will run", came the laconic reply. Toughness and gaiety of heart are the keynotrs to the characters of the men who dominate steeplechasing.

Turnell's analysis of the medern jockey is not correct. John O'Nelli, whose leg was broken so badly two years ago, is riding with increasing fire in his belly. Those who saw O'Nelli lift Son and Helr past the post at Nottingham last Saturday, have said that they have never seen such inspired jockeyship. And then there is Tommy Stack, just arrived back home after long weeks in traction after shattering his pelvis at Hesham. Stack's appearance at the Bollinger dinner at Newcastle brought the assembled company to their feet with spontaneous applause. The doctors have said that Stack may be back in action in March, but my lest penny would be on the determined champion returning to the saddle before then.

The borses unfortunately are not so well equipped to withstand the strains of modern steeplechasing

Richard Head, a Lambourn trainer, said last week: "The pages of steeplechasing history are littered with the names of beautiful and brilliant horses who have failed to stand training. It is always those with most ability who seem to be the most vulnerable."

Mill House was a great horse

Yachting

## Protest is the only threat to N Zealand supremacy

Sydney, Dec 22.—The New Zealand team continued its domination of the Southern Cross Copyachting series today with first, second and fourth places in the third race off Sydney. Overall, they are now well clear of Vktoria but the position could change because of a protest lodged against the winner of the race, Smir-Noff-Agen, by Xaviera, a British yacht. Agen, by Xaviera, a British yacht. pered by Don Lidgard, a former world 18-footer champion, was among several yachts involved.

Since then what have we seen

Since then what have we seen to equal him? His stable companion, Flyingbolt, eventually broke down. Captain Christy is unquestionably the only horse of great class to have taken the Bine Riband of steeplechasing in the past. If years. Bula was a star over fences as well as over hurdles, but he did not stay the Gold Cup distance. Otherwise as Winter said after Midnight Court's victory at Ascot: "They are only a lot of top-class staying handicappers in the Gold Cup again this year."

Keegan for Surtees

smong several yazhts involved.

She recovered from a poor start to overtake her team colleague, Jenny-H, sailed by Ray Hasler, and win comfortably on corrected time. The smallest yacht in the New Zealand team, Swusslebubble, sailed by lan Gibbs, fimished second overall, beating Superstar, of Victoria, and Jenny-H, the winner of the first two races of the series.

## No repeat of World Cup mistake

Football Correspondent

In his first few days of office as permanent football manager.

Ren Greenwood secured an important if little publicized an important if little publicized and important in little publicized an important in little publicized an important in little publicized and important in little publicized in little publi

selvés.

After the names of the five countries. England, Northern (reland, the Republic of Ireland, Dennark and Bolgaria, had been amounted three weeks earlier when the grouping draw had taken place, Mr Greenwood had taken place, Mr Greenwood had observed: "We want our backsides kicking if we don't get through this time." That being the case, the fixture meeting should have made h'in doubly delighted while in other countries there were complaints that the competition was becoming too predictable with the groupings too closely resembling abose of the World Cup.

Generously, several countries have again

Generously, several countries have again said that the World Cop final competition will not be complete without England, but their goodwill must have been stretched when they discovered that England had been seeded for the European Championship. Yet, remarkably, there was hardly a marmur of public debate let alone complaint.

alone complaint.

In their official statement, the European Football Union (UEFA) ald that England and the USSR were seeded "because of the importance of English and Soviet football in Europe". Others seeded were Czechoslovakia West Germany, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands, who were the four semi-finalists in 1976, and Belgium, who won a special draw made by the organizing committee. Italy qualify for the final competition in 1980 because they are the hosts.

England have cause to be grate-

ful for a little help from their Continental friends who continue to say nice times about the British style of football, thus helping the maligned Football, thus helping the maligned Football League player to believe in himself whatever may happen on England's international field. Furthermore, the Kootball Association have not been taxed to find quality opposition for England despite failure to quality for the World Cup next summer. The matches against West Germany, Brazil and Hungary will be useful now that England will not have a match in real competition for another nine morths, but friendly games against, leading countries are notoriously misleading.

countries are notoriously misleading.
England's poorest performances during Don Revie's reign were too often seen in matches that they had to win. When relaxing on the tours of the United States and South America they enjoyed a club-like atmosphere and their standard of play improved accordingly.

instruct has been absorbed and usefully manipulated by the England administrators. Bearing in mind that the team should be playing better after several games together, they managed to arrange the most difficult away match in observer, mey managed to arrange the most difficult away match in England's European Championship programme, against Bulgaria in Sofia, for June 6, 1979, immediately after the Home International Championship of that season.

national Championship of that season.

An important World Cup mistake that was allowed to occur during Don Revie's term has not been repeated in the European competition. At the World Cup fixture meeting Italy shrewdly ensured that having arranged to play England, their main rivals, early in the competition and almost at the end, they had one last match against weak opposition on home ground at a time when they would know exactly what they had to do to qualify. The value of their foresight is now well known.

In the European Championship England not only play Bulgaria in

Sofia when they should be in form bur finish with two matches at Wemblay against the Bulgarians (November 21, 1979) and the Republic of Ireland on a date to be arranged early the following

be arranged early the following year.

Playing potentially troublesome away matches early is not a bad thing and England's first two are in Denmark (September 20, 1978) and the Republic of Ireland (October 25, 1978). The game in September will be their first in real competition since they beat Italy at Wembley last mouth.

At first sight, the compilation of the group justifies Mr Greenwood's original optimism but the Danes are to introduce semi-professional football to their league at the beginning of next season. This will not have a rapid effect on the standard of their national side but it will help and they can call on several foreign-based players including Jensen, of Real Madrid, and Simonson, of Borussia Mönchen Gladbach.

The Bulgarians, also our of the

sia Mönchen Gladbach.

The Bulgarians, also out of the World Cup, were reported to have been most cooperative at the fixture meeting, but they are also playing for time. They remain difficult to beat in Sofia, where they drew with France and beat the Republic of Ireland in World Cup qualifying matches, but injuries and some problems behind the scenes have weakened them. Like England, they will spend the time they might have been in Argentina redesigning their team, possibly under the direction of a new manager. England's European Championship fixtures are:

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## Action group want FA to charge Fulham

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A group of Fulham supporters are to ask the Football Association to charge the club with bringing the game into disrepute. This unique step is being taken by the Fulham Supporters Action Group after remarks made on television and in the press by the club's chairman, Ernie Clay.

Bob Bruzas, the leader of the group who recently obtained 4.300 signatures on a petition calling for the resignation of the club's board, aumounced the move after attending a meeting called by Edward Burston, a 40-year-old Lloyd's underwriter, who is willing to put up £500,000 to save Fulham from total debus insitie region of £500,000 to save Fulham who resigned to make way for Ernie Clay, has given his support to the action group.

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Sunderland. He is the eighth player signed by Frank McLintock since taking over at Filbert Street during the swammer and the seventh to leave Derby since Tommy Docherty arrived at Derby in Semember.

Trever Anderson, the Northern Ireland forward, from Swindon, Town, for £20,000. Wolverhampton Wanderers have had a chubrecord offer in excess of £150,000 for a defender, Paul Hart, turned down by Blackrool.

for a defender, Paul Bart, turned down by Blackpool.
Colin Bell, Manchester City's former England international, is set to return to League football as substitute against Newtzstle United at Maine Road on Boxing Day after a two years absence. Bell has finally convinced himself and the manager, Tony Book, that he is ready for a first team game after 17 Central League games this season in wisch he has scored three goals.

Rackets

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#### Ellis takes firm grip on himself to reach final

By Our Rackets Correspondent

R. G. P. Ellis (Haileybury) and J. C. Spucling (Tonbridge) will contest the final of the H. K. Foster Cup, the schools rackets singles championship, at Queen's Club this afternoon. Ellis sumbled within a point of his match at 14—3 in the third game against D. T. G. Thomas (Harrow) and the fourth was always in the balance. Spurling was no strong for A. J. B. McDonald (Malvern). Ellis beat Thomas by 15—10, 16—13, 16—17, 15—10 in the best match seen during the week. Essentially it was a match between a dedicated and cultured rackets player of uncertain temperament and a talented all-round games player who clearly enjoys every moment he is involved with a moving ball. If all games players whared Thomas's happy and philopophical temperament there would be more fun in sport. J. C. Spucking (Tonbridge) will

temperament there would be more fun in sport.

The rackets player won in the did though until Thomas bit the sit ball down he could never be seen. Ellis could be forgiven his boths and fears after losing a new second game lead and an

even longer one in the third. So many of his best shots, winners against most people, came back and Thomas produced quite a few of hs own. This tenacity sometimes caused Ellis to thrash wildly and have patches of hitting down. Thomas merely smiled and got on with the game.

Spurling beat McDonald by 15—11, 15—6, 15—11 and only when the loser led 8—1 and 11—7 in the third game did the match look like being extended. The left handed McDonald had insufficient winning strokes, too little pace and was not quick enough

M. K. FOSTER CUP: Semi-final round: R. C. P. Ellis Hallerbory: both D. T. G. Thomas (Harrow), 13—10, 16—13, 16—17, 15—10, 2 C. Bouring (Tonbridge) beat A. J. E. S. Akerman Harrow), 15—6, 15—11; RENNY CUP: They bound in Maleymi. 15—13, 16—17, 15—6, 15—10, 15—10, 15—10, 15—10, 15—10, 15—11, 15—1

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only a few: there are still too few citizens travelling to the

West, and too many copies of

the books they try to smuggle fall into the bands of customs

officials at the frontier. That,

and the intensification of cen-

sorship, made it necessary to

turn to even more radical solu-

tions and create a totally inde-

However, in the Poland of

Getting behind the 'Potemkin' facade

# Poland's unofficial crusade: publish and be free

In 1787 the Tsarina, Catherine II, took a journey through the southern territories of her domain. She wanted to see for herself how simple Russian lived. Unfortunately they lived far worse than she imagined. Prince Potemkin, Catherine's favourite, had an ingenious solution. Mock-ups of villages were speedily built along the journey's route : fake façades of peasants' cottages which looked near, new

and pretty. Potemkin villages" were born. In the countries of Eastern Europe the description is popular to this day. It denotes the peculiar contraption of illusion and mock-ups erected for the benefit of the outside observer. It is a key term to local satirists and is applied metaphorically to anything of which the essence is to present an im-pressive façade concealing a not very impressive rear view. We, the inhabitants of East

ern Europe, encounter such phenomena every day. We work on state farms where work on state farms where handsome cattle, borrowed from independent local farmers, are brought in for the day for a state dignitary's visit. We live in towns and cities hovels intended for demolition are newly rendered for the leader's motorcade. We see gigantic neon advertise ments over empty shops. We read newspapers bringing daily reports of universal enthusiasm which we do not feel ourlasm which we up not too osselves or notice anywhere around. Countless "Potemkin villages" make up our daily

realize that our culture, too, is one big "Potemkin village". Receouly one of our writers, Andrzej Kijowski, pointed out that the essence of the system prevailing here lies not so much in its cruelty, as the liberal stereotype would have it, not in its exploitation as the office attention to the professional wilds. leftist stereotype would wish

t, nor in the extermination of tional and religious values, as the rightist stereotype procwhich permeates every sphere of our life.

Culture is, by the very nature of things, forced to lie most often and in the most painful manner. The whole enormous chain of different authorities which sainthan authorities which stimulate. supervise, censor and propagage, operates here so as to cause the least possible quancause the least pos tity of authentic values to be brought forth. According to those who rule the country, an ideal culture should present itself as one huge, monolithic façade, adorned by a multitude of all kinds of embellishments, giving an overwhelming imwealth containing

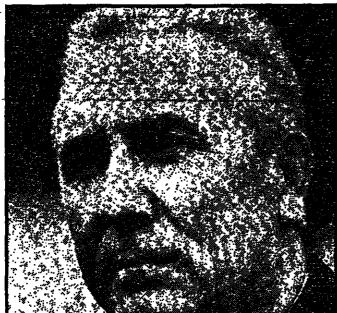
nothing behind its front.
In countries such as Poland the meraphor of "Potemkin village " is not entirely apt in other official circum-because here the façade con- stances; the other is current ceals neither emptiness nor usage, mocking, lively and crushing poverty but quite a colourful, which often parodies sizable little building of unofficial "straw-talk" and is cial culture, solidly confull of popularly-coined verbal structed, though obviously in a shorthand style which is in glaring contrast to the façade and not as uniform. The greater part is made up of subterranean cata-combs. The outside observer usually notices it only when the façade, shaken by one his-toric storm or another, suffers partial disintegration and has to be redecorated. Nevertheless, in recent years the rear building is beginning to out-grow the facade, and it looks more and more as though this modest little building consti-tutes the most important (or, at any rate, the most interesting) part of the eccentrically constructed edifice.

The two-facedness of culture,

its profound inner rift, starts with the language we use every day. The average Pole gets up in the morning and hears the news broadcast, which tells him in the artificial which tells him in the artificial demn oneself to silence, solilanguage of the façade that, for instance, "the crews manning urban bakeries have pledged themselves to fight and to make sacrifices, in order to continue further the dynamic development of bringing supplies of provisions to the nonulation" Next, our citi
Successive changes of the cullanguage of the façade that, for instance, the crews manand to make sacrifices, in order to continue further the dynamic development of bringing supplies of provisions to the population". Next, our citi-

A new phenomenon in Poland is the remarkable quantity of unofficial writing now circulating, mostly with the names authors and editors openly given (which makes it different from the underground samizant of the Soviet Union). As well as books there are now at least eight unofficial journals appearing regularly. One of these, Zapis, is being published in English by Index on Censorship. Countermeasures by the police are increasing.

A personal view of the background is given here by Stanislaw Baranczak, a poer and literary critic born in 1946. He has not been able to publish officially since 1976, when he signed a protest against proposed changes in the Constitution. He is a member of the Workers' . Defence Committee set up by intellectuals to help workers in trouble after the strikes of June 1976 At the beginning of 1977 he was fired from his job as lecturer at Poznan university. This article is a shortened version of a paper he was invited to deliver to the recent Venice Biennale on dissent in eastern Europe. Like many others he was denied permission



Mr Gierek: presiding over a small eruption in art.

to be enough bread. Our hero acknowledges the fact by a lively exchange of views with the sales assist-ant, in the course of which each tries to outdo the other in finding colourful and picturesque terms to describe the hopeless situation of market

journalist by profession, he scale—occurred, after G proceeds to his editorial office replaced Gomulka in 1970. and writes an appropriate Another third solution and writes an appropriate "intervention note", this time using official and artificial lan-guage: "Despite continued improvement in the supply of though also under censorship, bread, there are still periodic are nevertheless trying—and shortages in certain sectors." not without success—to pre-He then returns home where serve their independence. For latest Brezhnev joke. And so

It is simply that each one of stituted an oasis of relatively is is equally fluent in two languages: one is the language of price the authorities were us is equally fluent in two lan-guages: one is the language of slogans, used with superiors or horthand and ironic allusion. But while a joke or a song loses nothing or may even gain by remaining on the unofficial or underground circuit a col-lection of poems, a novel or a volume of essays needs to be published. In countries such as Poland an attempt to publish a book inevitably condemns the author to one or other form of dependence on the official representatives of cultural policy. In the same way a paint some nonconformist—or so they ing "lives" mainly at an exhi-seemed to me—poems or poncy. In the same way a painting "lives" mainly at an exhibition, and a show cannot exist without a theatre auditorium. A film—for all practical purposes—ceases to exist the moment that its showing is logical declarations). Sooner or banned. For each of these the later the author who realizes centralized administration of this and who showly sees fed panned. For each of these the later the author who realizes centralized administration of this and who slowly gets fed culture offers the dramatic alternative: either—at the price of various concessions—join the official circuit or concession join the official circuit, or con-demn oneself to silence, soli-

Successive changes of the rulzen goes to a shop, where it ing ream have always been becomes clear that there does connected in Poland with

pendent cultural goods circuit. The period since 1975 differs from similar periods of intensi-fied pressure in 1949-55 and the late sixtles not so much in the areaser strictness of the control or the extent of its reach (it makes itself felt not only in literature, film and thearre, but also in the plastic arts and even music), but in its total absurdity. Lack of space prevents me from citing numerous examples of the cen-sor's decisions which prove total absence of criteria, com-bined with an obsessive fear of giving the broader public any-thing even slightly authentic. Vaclay Havel rightly wrote in neighbouring Czechoslovakia about "the aesthetics of banal-

recent years this negative ele-ment has unexpectedly collided with the violently increasing opposition activity of the nation and the artistic milieu. I will not enumerate all the causes which contribu-ted to the fact that in the second half of the sevencies there is an acute crisis of con-fidence on the part of the nation towards the authorities. longer or shorter periods of cultural "thaw", when authen-tic and independent works were able to appear on the official circuit. The violent otheral circuit. The violent eruption of spontaneous artistic tendericles suppressed during the Stalimist years made a mark after Gomulka came to power in 1956; a similar eruption—though on a smaller scale—occurred after Gierek

Another "third solution" is the group of Catholic periodi-cals and publications which exist in Poland, and which,

a certain time, after the political crisis of 1970, student pub-

forced to pay for the brutal suppression of the student pro-

test in 1968. Such "third solutions" have

played and cominue to playe played and cominue to play a truly powerful role in weaken-ing the centralistic tendencies of cultural policy. Their in-evitable defect, however, is that,

by their very nature, they are half-baked. One must humbly

suffer the interference of cen-sorship, negociate with the publishers, avoid, of one's own accord, any words, sentences and ideas which "won't be

allowed through anyway". One

must also agree to appear in a not-always-pleasant context (I

myself chanced to publish

is—and has always been—the oppor unity to publish abroad.

damental shortcoming: despite everything, publishing abroad

means moving into the margin of activities. A book which is

brought out in Paris or in Lon-don can have considerably pub-

various forms of social action in the defence of the rule of law and of truth, mostly conducted openly, are multiplying.

Thus, whatever is authentic is pushed by censorship into the sphere of the mofficial, but everything which is unofficial openly surves to make itself, publicly, known. Why should not culture profit from this opportunity? Before, if the official authorities held up the printing of a book, the winter put his script in the drawer and suffered in silence, or put his script in the drawer and suffered in silence, or made the decision to cut and correct by way of compromise. Nowadays he puts his turn to the handle of a duplicating machine made out of a wringer. The book will be published and it will find a circulation among the days in the correct terms. issued and it will find a circulation among readers in the country. Obviously it is not as nicely printed as it would have been by an official publisher, but it will be read with all the greater voracity, since we automatically expert truth and authenticity from an unofficial

ublicacion. Poland in 1977 is a truly strange country. There is feverish activity outside the dead mass of the outward façade, away from all the exasperating culture of the zealous journalists, obedient men of letters, sculptors erecting statues and monuments in honour the creator-state, text-ders producing "socially cobblers producing "socially committed songs. There are periodicals printed on duplicatperiodicals printed on duplicat-ing machines. There are liter-ary meetings in private houses. Satirical songs and poems are born. Discussions, exhibitions and theatrical performances are organized. And all this is done without the approval of

the authorities.

We have long ago abandoned the idea of taming Leviathan.
Rather it is he, terrified by the situation's development, who is trying to tame unofficial culture, to tear someone away from its circle, to bribe this or that author by publishing his book or by some other doubt-ful evidence of favour, But it is too late.
It is simply that a new alter-

but apart from the reprisals native has arisen. Today, inwhich inevitably strike the stead of compromise or
author in his native country, silence, we are saying compromise or independence,
damental shortcoming; despite compromise or authenticity,
abroad compromise or authenticity. " compromise or freedom." And we choose the latter. Stanislaw Baranczak

# Bernard Levin's Christmas Quiz

Famous quotations -Who said "Not as all, Arch bishop; thank nou! b-Why?

c—In what book on Bimetallism does the following passage appear?

The structural variations in long-term funding, caused by regular seasonal adjustments inevitably attendant upon the evitative attendant upon the regularizing of exchange accounts, cannot be predicted with any certainty, but a rough rule of thumb is provided by deducting above the line expenditure from capital accumulation raxes; this, however, will not work in circumstances of rapid expansion in the currency markets, sod it.

d-"Sir Walter Scott? You tell Sir Walter Scott from me that he can stuff his haggis into his pibroch and smoke it, th'noo."
Who said that?

e-Whereabours in The Faerie for all his feathers, was a-cold'



a—How many times did Mr Roy Hattersley say "Inflation will soon be down to single figures"?

b—Which Labour Prime Mini-ster of Great Britain named James Callaghan saw his poli-tical reputation sink even c-Who was Geoffrey Rippon, and does it matter?

d-Can you list at least 15 protests about communist oppres-sion made during the year by Mrs Judich Hart? e—I thought not.

f—How many more lies are we going to be told about Concorde,

a—Is it really true about Michael Parkinson? b—Good God.

b—Good God.

c—What is the difference between the Eurovision Song Contest and the Miss World finals?

d—What else, you dirty brites.

e—Name the leading singer in

(i) The Money Programme

(ii) Weekend World

(iii) News in Welsti

(iv) The all-England Sheepdog

Trials

(v) The Chancellor of the Exchequer talks to Robin

I know nothing about sport, and take very little interest in any aspect of it, so this section will be omitted.



Fictional characters a-In what works do the following characters appear, and who wrote them in each case?

(i) John Smith-Smith, OBE (ii) Martin Chuzzlewit (iii) Hamish McPheeskovitch

(iv) Robert Muller , (v) Geoffrey Rippon b-Who, and in what novel or

(i) Fell all the way down the stairs in the Eddy-stone Lighthouse (ii) Eloped with ( Marie of Rumania (iii) Shot himself (iv) Did not shoot himself

(v) Tried unsuccessfully to shoot himself (vi) Shot somebody else.

c-Which of Dickens's male Special puzzle characters uses the word nevertheless" most often? d—Who says, and in which play of Shakespeare's, "All happy families are happy in the same way, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."? e-What fathous novelist wrote a book of over a million words without ever revealing what it

General Knowledge

was about?

Malagasy Republic?

a-Why does water flow uphill in West Africa, and why is this phenomenon only observed in rainy weather? b-What is the capital of the

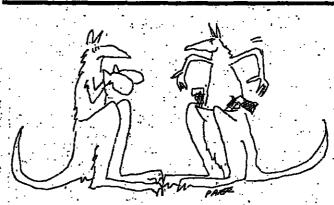
c-What is the capital of d-What is the capital of Sierra e---What is the capital of Colonel Seifert, and don't you think it ought to be taken away from him and given to the poor devils who have to work, or

worse still, live, in the buildings he puts up? f—How do you make a Maltese Cross? (All together, now . . .) g-How do you make a Venetian Blind? (Let's hear it from the lady in the back row,

then . . . ) h-Orthodox . Jews do not ear h—Orthodox Jews do not ear pork. But in what religions are the following foods forbidden, respectively? Cheese, baked beans, lamb, kippers, white bread, black pudding, redcurrants, blueberries, greenfly, grey mullet, rainbow trout; tinned sardines in tomato Music

i—Where was I? j—What is the square root of the largest number you can





inur miles away, by a direct route which takes him past the local pub. At the same time Mary, the postmistress, who loves Tom, the village schoolmaster, who is married to Janes, who is an alcoholic, sets out to walk from the Post Ofice to the pub, a distance of one mile, to buy some cigarettes, not for her but for her old widowed futher who lives with her. When she gets to the pub. Janet (the schoolmaster, remember ?) is in the four-ale bar, stewed as a prune and making a scene. Mary quietens her down, but this takes ten minutes, and by the time she has bought the Egar-ettes, chatted to the manager and left. John has passed the pub on his way to the Post Office. Half-way between the pub and the Post Office, however, he remembers that he has come out without any money; he has also forgotten what he wanted at the Post Office anyway. So he turns back now walking twice as fast as ne did when going in the other direc-tion. Just before he passes the tion, Just before he passes the local school, he meets Mary, returning to the Post Office, and spends five minutes chaning to her before resuming his walk. Shortly after they part, she is knocked down, though not seriously injured, by an 11-year-old girl on a bicycic. Outside They intensely do you.

John sets out to walk from his

home to the village Post Office,

stop going on and on about Wagner, or does it just seem

Question: How intensely do you wish that Edward de Bono had

never been born?

that way ! b-What unsuccessful, and for b—What insuccessful, and for that matter very unpleasant, English politician, wrote must under the name of Euxtehude? c—Do. your children beheve that if they have been good all year and shout up the chimney on Christmas Eve for what they want as Christmas presents, Havergal Brian will come down it in the middle of the night it in the middle of the nigh and play them one, or even several, of his symphonies? d-What in goodness' name do you think you've been teaching the poor little mites?

-Do you think Mozart has so far at any rate, contributed more than Mr Roy Hattersley to civilization? (A clue: I do

Tricky ones

a-"That man's father is my brother's son; but I can't remember how this goes after it has begun". What is the answer? For that matter, what is the question? b—Which weights more, a pound of lead or a pound of feathers? of lead or a pound of feathers

(My old mum used to ask us time, too.) c-What would happen if the earth stopped revolving (i) suddenly (ii) slowly? d-Why is gravity so much higher on the moon than on

earth?
e-What are we going to about Mr Battersley f-What could we do, even theoretically, about Mr theoretically, Geoffrey Rippon?

And finally . a—How long have you spent on this quiz?
b—Yes, but hasn't it been more

b—Yes, but hasn't it been more fun than the usual kind? c—Will you please allow me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977.

## Lighting a festive candle

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wives draw the curtains and in advent, hangs by ribbons. The demand for candles in man for the flourishing candle without asking themselves from the ceiling.

One is lighted the first Sunthe strains and so on as the sitting room table.

And on the Christmas tree, if twigs set with frosted cones and only, candles. Even the and berries. Sometimes these candles are carved into elaborate shapes, others are long mother prefers to keep a orate shapes, others are long mother prefers to keep a candles are carved into elaborate than stoop to electric lights are not reashioned from bees. Even on Christmas trees in wax and scented faintly of public parks and squares boney.

In many houses an adventsk- avoidable they are simulated to the deep roman.

The demand for candles in man for the flourishing candles in west Germany is mounting producers believes, simply a steadily, while purchases of other consumer goods have levelled off. A record of around 60,000 tons, of candles is expected to be barned by the end of this year. Last year in the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year, Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year, Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year, Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year, Last year in way about 50,000 tons or the end of this year. Last year in wax about 50,000 tons or the end of this year, Last year in way about 50,000 tons of candles in wax about 50,000 tons of candles in way about 50,000 tons of candles in wax about 50,00

As the winter evening falls, ranz, a fir wreath bearing four white candles with pure white tic streak in the German tem-more and more German house candles, one for each Sunday flames.

wives draw the curtains and in advent hangs by ribbons. The demand for candles in man for the flourishing candles.

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## in the garden is not so lovely

Next to weeds, the gnome is the thing I hate most in the garden. Most of my scorn I reserve for the angler who never catches anything and does not seem to care anyway. Equally detestable are the leaning gnome, the squatter and the standing-up, doing-nothing gnome who remind me that, if I had any sense, those are the things I ought to be doing, too.

Hence my lack of enthusiasm at the news that Ann Atkin, a housewife, of West Purford in Devon, is about to unleash the Gnome Club of Great Britain.

I foresee the gnome invasion into all available sitings in the country", she says, in a cir-cularized statement that I am determined not to allow to blight my Christmas reveluies.

First, she must find gnomemaking firms to act as sponsors: so far only one has responded. Then will come a magazine, a badge, and the ultimate horror, a gnome popula-tion chart. This chart will be

When everything the outcome of club members Herring done to sending in sportings of gnomes Herring done to belonging to non-members. As this is the season of good a literary turn

will to all men (except gnomes). Perhaps it is the long northern I will conclude this item by saying that, in all other respects, Mrs Atkin sounds like a nice, warm and friendly per-son. It would take a pre-refor-mation Scrooge to condemn a lady who says, without a trace of guile: "The gnome is a symbol for something very real: a guardian of the earth from which everything begins to

#### News papers

The BBC has presented a collection of 10 million press cuttings to Leicester University that: because they are surplus to requirements after a big reorganization of the corporation's news information service. The collection, founded in 1940. covers everything from abor-tions to zoos. This item will now be cut out and enshrined in The Times's more modest —2 million clippings

winter evenings which encourage them to have peculiar pas-times, but the press officers of the Herring Industry Board based in Edinburgh, seem to lengths to promote the public image of their fish. The latest calendar produced

by the board has a quotation for every month of 1978 ranging from Robert Burns to Jane Grigson from Dryden and Ibsen and Ben Franklin-and all men-tioning the oily fish. One or two of the contribu-

tions ma, be going a bit far.
There is, for example, the
Dutch proverb which holds
that: "A land with plenty of herring has little need of doc-tors." The chairman of the Her-ring Industry Board, after all. Nevertheless, they have found the requisit 12 quotations:

"It is surprising that one form of fish should have such a literary presence", an adamant PR man told me. "After all, how warm affarence could not be a such a literary presence could not be a such a literary presence could not be a such a literary presence could not be a such a is a retired general practitioner. how many references could you find to, say, scampi?"

#### Break, break, break-much earlier

ently, choristers are being cut off in their prime, not only in Cambridge but the whole world over. In the words of one distinguished university choirmas-ter, it is proving a "damn

Blame puberty. Unlike inflation, it gets worse all the time. Twenty years ago, I am told, it was nothing for a chorister. to retain his youthful treble until he was 15. Now, thanks

Spare a thought for the super- no doubt to the bio-sexual re-annuated choirboy if you tune volution, voices usually break in to any of the King's College at 13, and some at 12 or even music making on radio and tele-vision this Christians. Appear

It takes some years to train a chorister, who does not anyway normally leave an institution like the King's College School until he is 13 or over. So you can well understand the andoyance quotient of early vocal fractures. Happily, the authorities take

pity on the casualty and rather than chuck him out on the spot. put him our to pasture for a term or two.

#### Right you are if you have wrapped the

Christmas presents already, prepare to unwrap them and start again. A great nuisance about this gift-giving business is that recipients have no right to get redress or replacement if the bijou item you bought them happens to be faulty. them happens to be rauny.

To save inconvenience, embarrassment and waste of rake advantage of

writion 136 of the Law of Property Act 1925 All you have to do is to write on the card which you enclose with the present: "To enclose with the present.

my dear so-and-so with all my Sale of Goods Act rights." you want to be really careful, have the card dated and witnessed. Armed with the rights thus conveyed, your friends and relatives will be able to get satisfaction—even if you have given them a dud.



CHard day at the office

Four hundred hard-up guinners already receiving rent rebates. are to get a £10 Christmas bonus from Royal Artiflery

#### The bumping really has to stop

As the editor of Dance and authenticity of the male corps Dancers has this month invited de ballet, especially when those reactions from his ceaders to personnel happen on the night the business of whether tile to bump into one another during Royal Ballet properly rehearsed Les Noces or not (about which I commented in a recent Diary) I feel, baying taken advice from professional dancers, that I might as well react.
Wayne Eagling, in a letter to

this newspaper, defended the Royal Ballet management, his Eagling, who apart from being a great dancer is also the deputy Equity representative ut Covent Garden, did not explain the eccentricities of the performance of which I com

Blue eye shadow and car-mine lips do not, in the view of those more expert than I in

to bump into one another during certain passages of dance.

Pace the magazant Dance and
Dancers, the perfect may indeed be unobtainable (as I have often said in this column) have often said in this column! "slandash and haphazard rehearsals". as members of the Ballet themselves describe them, must surely be recog-nized even by critics who co not find it necessary to ingratiare themselves with ballet management or members of the Royal Ballet

No prizes for tact will go to the Cheffield firm which: of those more expert than I in the boffers, says: "Use your head these matters, lend to the Burn wood."

I hope that things cannot be as bad as they sound for a certain Mr Brown of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, who was due to address a personnel and recruitment managers' meeting organized recently by the Jobcentre at Morley in West Yorkshire. Unfortunately, he had to go into bospital. The Jobcentre letter which gives notification of the meeting, mentions Mr Brown's incapacity and adds, ominously you might think: "A colleague of his will be coming along to discuss the problem of termination of employment whilst." Mr Brown of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service,

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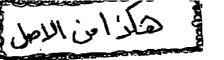
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## THE PRESIDENT PROPS THE DOLLAR

President. Carter's statement currency values was necessary in this week was to strengthen the dollar on the foreign exchanges. Although the President's words those spoken by his Under the Americans as to any other Secretary for Monetary Affairs government. at the Treasury, Mr Anthony Solomon, just a few weeks earlier, the markets attach more weight to the pronouncements of a Fresident.

They are probably right to do so. The Administration has recently been made acutely aware of the concern overseas at what appeared to be American indifference to the currency upheavals of the last few weeks, Although the dollar has not fallen very far in effective, trade weighted, terms, it has dropped very sharply against the strong European currencies and the Japanese yen. This had begun to pose a serious threat to the exports and growth in those countries.

America would prefer to see internal adjustment and expansion in the surplus countries, most particularly Germany and Japan, rather than to underwrite their trade surpluses and encourage them to preserve undervalued exchange rates. It has therefore been unwilling to join an international support operation for the dollar which would oppose fundamental market

This position has not been changed by President Carter's statement. He has however reaffirmed a commitment to would also make the OPEC counorderly market conditions". tries think twice about investing

The immediate effect : of While some readjustment of their revenues in America. A view of the massive imbalance in payments positions, an international crisis of confidence. were not very different from would be as unwelcome to

> Their friends abroad argued strongly at the Basle meeting of bankers last week, and in other international meetings, that this could be a real possibility. The Federal Reserve Board hitherto been more sympathetic than the White House or the Treasury. However, the President has recognized that continuing silence from the Government on its exchange rate policy would be taken as a signal for another scramble out of dollars. A further sharp fall in the

dollar's value would probably do little to cut America's trade deficit and, in one important respect, could worsen it considerably. President Carter's statement was not aimed merely at calming European and Japanese nerves. It has been rumoured that Arab ministers now attending the oil exporters conference knew that it was coming. Whether or not this is the case, the President was obviously aware that a continued weakening of the dollar would increase the likelihood of a rise in America's large oil import bill. This could come through a switch by OPEC to pricing in other currencies, or through a rise in the quoted dollar price. A chronically weak dollar

large switch in these funds would throw the world's already shaky monetary system into con-fusion. There is yet another constituency to which the President aimed his speech. This is the American Congress, which is still dallying over Mr Carter's energy bill. The conspicuous failure of the United States to

curb its voracious appetite for oil has been a major contributing factor to its trade deficit this year. The lack of an energy policy has increased the market's pessimistic view of the outlook for the dollar. The Administration is not likely to change its view of the

need for further economic expansion next year, and it would damage the prospects for world growth if it did. However, there is an urgent need for action to cut American oil imports. The measures announced this week are little more than a gesture in that direction.

Foreign governments have welcomed the President's recognition of America's responsibility to the rest of the world. It is too soon to tell however whether the Administration will be willing, in the words of the markets, "to put their money where their mouth is" and intervene if necessary to stop a further fall in the dollar's value.

- There is still no reason to suppose that America should carry the whole burden of world expansion, although there is a strong case for believing that the market has overdone the recent

#### THE FREE FLOW OF SPIRITS IN EUROPE

Those who wish to celebrate Britain's five years of EEC membership next month may find that their favoured brand of whisky costs an extra 50p as a result of the latest ruling of the European Commission in its role as watchdog of the Treaty of Rome. This may seem a poor reward for the country's plunge into the European Economic Community. But in fact the Commission's action against the Distillers company follows logically from the rules governing the customs union which lies at the commercial heart of the

Under Distillers' dual price system, which the Commission has now banned, United King-dom wholesalers had to pay more for their Scorch if they wanted to export it. Distillers preferred to sell direct to sole who sold at a price reflecting their warehousing, distribution, advertising and other costs. But this price was in danger of being undercut by "parallel" exporters in the United Kingdom, who bought at a lower price reflecting a series of discounts to large United Kingdom

Hence the premium on Scotch hought in the United Kingdom for export, which the Commission found, following complaints

by the wholesalers, to be in-breach of article 85 of the Treaty of Rome. This forbids inter alia the application of "dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties, thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage".

Rather than reduce the price for exports, Distillers riposted by applying to the Price Commission to increase the United Kinedom price for cer-tain brands by fifty pence. The biggest exporting brand, Johnny Walker Red Label, will be withdrawn from the United Kingdom market. The price of Hais, the biggest seller at home, will be kept at its present level, in the hope presumably that it will pick up sales lost by the other brands. Haig is thus likely to hecome the favoured brand of United Kingdom or continental wholesalers buying in the

The Commission has in the past played an extremely useful role in preventing large comnanies in a dominant position from carving up the market, either by forming price cartels or by preventing dealers in one member state from exporting to others at prices undercutting arrangements with sole distributors. Previous rulings on clauses preventing exports have covered gramophone records, Philips electric razors and Armagnac.

In the present case of whisky and other spirits, the usefulness of the Commission's action is shrouded first by Distillers' fighting reaction to it-the Commission had clearly expected a reduction in the export price. rather than an increase in the home price; and secondly, by the huge discrepancies in the retail price of spirits in the Nine caused by differing levels of duty.

In the case of France, Italy and Denmark, these discriminate shamelessly in favour of domestic spirits and against imports. In all cases except Denmark, however, they result in whisky being cheaper in the shops than in Britain. The dis-tortion in trade resulting from these duties is of a vastly greate: order than that resulting from the arrangements limiting exports of the major British manufacturers of spirits (other British firms have similar arrangements which may also be ended).

It is however, easier to brandish the Treaty of Rome at big firms than at governments. The Commission has been doing its duty, unpalatable though the result may prove to be. One day, perhaps, it will have the nerve to tackle the member states about the larger obstacles to the genuinely free flow of spirits within the community.

irrelevance to the programmes

supposedly under scrutiny. Mr

of having an intelligent and

informative debate with Mr

Thomas, if permitted, was scarcely allowed to make even

the most cursory of remarks before the chairman felt bound

to cut him off in order to give

It was not the fault of the

chairman, but of the format, that

what should have been an in-

structive debate on an important

topic turned into a succession of disjointed, undistinguished and

sometimes silly statements. The

BBC as well as ITV have allowed

a number of issues of moment

to be intellectually destroyed by

subjecting them to the same kind

of treatment. The result, in every

case, has been the same. The format has made it impossible

to have reasoned debate. It is a

sign of poverty of imagination

and judgment of the television

companies that they have per-sisted for so long in promoting

argumentative discussion programmes of so little value. It is

particularly unfortunate that Mr Thomas's powerful series which

raised vital issues and deserved

and required serious examination

should have been treated in this

others a turn.

van der Walt, who looked capable

#### CHAOS IN THE STUDIO IS NOT DISCUSSION

Over the past month, interrupted briefly by legal proceedings, commercial television has shown three hour-long programmes, the work of Mr Antony Thomas, on various aspects of the apartheid regime in South Africa. They made powerful, passionate and, in parts, deeply moving viewing. Mr Thomas was clearly shocked by much of what he saw and programmes reflect his abhorrence of a system which can produce the results he so vividly demonstrated. It is not in issue that he produced excellent pieces of television journalism. What has been questioned, however, is his journalistic objectivity and integrity. Part of one of the programmes has now become the subject of further legal proceedings at the suit of Tate and Lyle, who believe that they have been defamed by various allegations made about their treatment of their black workers. The series as a whole was discussed by a panel and a number of studio guests in a programme shown on Wednesday

That discussion did a great disservice to the important issues which the series had raised. The panel consisted of Mr Thomas,

**BBC** wavelength changes

sir. Howard Newby, in his article

December 15) explaining the forth-coming changes in BBC radio wave-

lengths, makes it all sound very

reassuring for listeners, but he losses over one important point,

hoping no doubt that it won't be

noticed. He mentions in passing that the Radio 4 channel on VHF is

used also for educational matter

instead of some Radio 4 pro-

grammes. So would-be listeners to

those programmes, some of which

are extremely popular, will in

Practice have no alternative to long

waves. These waves are much more

subject to noise interference than

medium waves. And both long and

nedium provide only a second class

restricted in tone range compared

being mono only and

From Mr M. G. Scroggie

Mr van der Walt, the Director of Information of the South African Embassy in London, and Mr Louis Luyt, one of South Africa's most prominent Afrikaner businessmen. The audience was made up of two or three dozen people with particular interest in South Africa. They included a former white political prisoner, a black trade union leader, a man who was about to emigrate to that country, some who had returned in disgust, a spokesman for the black consciousness cause, a white doctor who had worked in a hospital for blacks, a businessman with financial interest in the republic, a Conservative MP, and representatives of virtually every other conceivable opinion on South African matters. The result of all of these people trying to have their say was, predictably, chaotic.

The format of the programme made it inevitable that none of the serious issues which begged to be seriously discussed was covered, except sporadically and superficially, and that none of the questions which should have been put to Mr Thomas, and answered by him, was allowed more than a brief airing. Most of the audience raised points and made comments of complete

—and in the new plan—unable to receive parts of the Radio 4

The obvious solution is to use a separate VHF channel for the educational broadcasts. Internationally, VHF frequencies between 88 and 100 MHz are allocated for broadcasting. In this country, however, those from 95 to 100 are withheld from broadcasters. If this were not so, all the Radio 4 programmes could be broadcast on VHF, with education on its own new channel.

Another important advantage of an all-VHF receiver is the ease with which it can be designed for push button operation, instead of forcing on listeners the quite difficult as well as tedious operation of runing in. It will be more difficult still next year, with obsolete station markings on the tuning scales. Yours faithfully, M. G. SCROGGIE,

ith VHF, so can claim no place in a "hi-fi " system. Years ago the BBC advised isteners to go for VHF for all channels; those who did so are now Bexbill. Sussex.

serviće.

12 Pinewoods,

The courteous gull From Mrs Caroline Oliver Sir, From a window in Bloomsbury I can see a turret surmounted by:a dome, surmounted by a smaller dome, surmounted by a smaller dome, surmounted by a stone ball. On the top of the ball is a tiny platform, possibly made of guano. On winter mornings the platform is occupied almost continuously by gulls, but never for long by the same one. The changeover rate can be as high as three a minute.

. The incumbent gull almost always faces west, and the dispossessor flies in from the east. On a few occasions I have seen the dispossessed gull sail rapidly round and regain its position. Just once, I saw an approach from the side, which was dealt with successfully by the incumbent with a sally. The resultant mêlée looked momentarily very dangerous. Yours faithfully, CAROLINE OLIVER,
7 Cranfield House,
Southampton Row, WC1.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

4. He ignores the risk imposed

upon society by a Home Secretary who released such a woman. I am

not saying that the risk should never

be taken but that it should not be

Hindley's behaviour from prison authorities and others and even the

most convincing evidence of repent-

ance would never satisfy me that there was not a major risk in

releasing a person who, in Mr

Levin's own words, was "capable of

carrying out sadistic practices of the kind involved in their case", and who might well be "incapable

of weighing the consequences for

their victims"—a person the origins of whose impulses were "buried

Meanwhile reports on Miss

overlooked.

#### Future of the Moors murderers

From Mr Michael Cates

From Mr Michael Cates

Sir, In his article "Is there any
Chance of Myra Handley ever being
freed?" (December 21). Bernard
Levin, as usual, builds up a superficially convincing argument by
basing it on an assumption which,
he rashly claims, is "obvious". I
refer to the passage: "The deterrent effect of the life sentence on
Miss Hindley and Mr Brady for the
appalling crimes of which they were
both justic convicted is, and always both justly convicted is, and always was, obviously nil."

Mr Levin argues that people of

the sort that commit atrocities like the Moors murders are unlikely to be deterred by the prospect of a life sentence. Whilst this is unlife sentence. Whilst this is undoubtedly correct, he obviously fails to comprehend that the deterrent effect of a sentence operates on a far broader range of potential criminals than just those who might commit an identical crime to that for which the sentence was given.

Thus the potential rapist, mugger, common morderer, etc, will, if Miss Hindley is released, say to himself. "She only got a medium sized stretch for the things she did; so for my far less horrible crime that long."

As the deterrent factor has to be

As the deterrent factor has to be dismissed by Mr Levin before the rest of his article can be taken as relevant, his entire argument that, if Myra Hindley is not dangerous, only political pressures will prevent her release, is seen to collapse. Yours enc. MICHAEL CATES,

11 Cedar Park, Bristol. December 21.

From Mr. P. D. R. Talbor Willcox Sir, Mr Levin's article deserves criticism for the following reasons:

1. He makes the mistake of confusing crime with sin. Miss Hindley is in prison for crime. Whether or not she sinned is a question upon which the churches have no obligation to offer an opinion, and I for one would be assonished were they

to do so.

2. Mr Levin has failed to show that the impulses which lead to crimes of the sort committed by Miss Hindley are beyond deterrence. He merely asserts a popular myth.

3. He dangerously assumes that repentance of crime is proof of

reform.

#### The Unification Church From Mr K. P. Frampton

Sir. Your recent articles on doctrines and practices of the Unification Church are a welcome contribution to the growing public concern over the activities of the many modern cults, which plague

many monern cutts, which plague our society today. Having suffered personally from these cutts I have supported both John Hunt and Paul Rose in their valiant struggle to expose, their of some legislation to suppress what is the cleverest propaganda of our day. These cults are mostly of

These cuits are mostly pseudo-Christian, that is they are counter-feits of the truth. The Christian knows that Jesus alone is The Truth, and He warned that "many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matt xxiv, 11). deceave many (Mart XIV, 11).

Consequently we are confronted with a vast complex of so-called "religious" which spring from divine revelations claimed by

"their leader or guru.

To gain credibility these movements call themselves "Christian", though they are a total denial of all that Christ taught and exemplified in His life. In short they are the devil's devices which have most of the following features in common:

1. The brain-child of one man or 2. Recruits are entitled by promises of a new care-free life

for God.
3. Demand for the sacrifice of all possessions, time, body and soul.
4. Indoctrination and brain-washing. No ourside literature or criti-cism permitted.

cism permitted.

5. Break-up of family ties and loyalties, and complete dedication to new Master.

6. Authority of leader paramount. Implicit obedience required.

7. Members held by fear of consequences of leaving. Persecution complex developed.

complex developed.

8. Illegal fund-raising and exploitation, often to keep the leader in luxury.

RHYS MANLEY-SALE,

9. Harassment and abuse of all 10 Burstock Road, SW15.

Machiavellian From Mr Jan Le Witt

Sir, During the recorded conver-sation (article, December 20) that sation (article, December 20) that took place recently in Florence between your interviewer and Signor Niccolò Machiavelli, Dr John Rae posed the question: "But you would not deny that man has made some progress"; to which Machiavelli allegedly replied: "Is it progress and the progress of the progress gress if a cannibal uses knife and fork?"

It is a pity that Dr Rae failed to

pin Mechiavelli down for to put the record straight this superbly ironic aphorism did not take coot in Machavelh's cunning mind but was in fact coined by Stanislaw Lec, a Polish poet and aphorist who lived some 430 odd years after the proverbiel Florentine "pessimist". Yours faithfully, IAN LE WITT. Holland Park, W11. December 20.

From the Reverend Roger Symon Sir, I am sorry to read that even Machiavelli is going soft in the head in his old age. In answer to John Ree's question: "Man is irredeem-ably wicked?" he is recorded as having replied: "Yes. I wish it were not so..." Why so? No were not so. . . . " Why so? wonder the Church survives. Yours faithfully. ROGER SYMON, 1 Porchester Gardens, W2. December 20.

The Mostyn flagons From Mr Claude Blair Sir, My old friend Arthur Grim-

wade's letter (December 21), written

deep in the human psyche." How can we be sure they have been dug up? Indeed can they ever be dug In such circumstances is it not perhaps fortunate that the law pro-vides in practice for an element of

retribution? For if a child or a person behaves in an appalling fashion there comes a time when retribution is salutory, necessary and right, A "sane" person, even a Hess, may realize rais, An "insane" person would be too dangerous to

Yours faithfully. P. D. R. TALBOT WILLCOX. Thanescroft, Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey. December 21.

From Monsignor Bruce Kent Sir, Perhaps Mr Levin is not really fair to "high church dignitaries". I have never heard of one supporting any theory of life-long retributive incarceration.

When Pope Paul announced the 1975 Holy Year, echoing the book of Leviticus, he appealed to governments for the early release of prisoners, even those guilty of crimes of violence. He asked for a gesture of clemency applicable especially to those "who have given sufficient proof of their moral and civil rehabilitation".

Myra Hindley not excluded. Yours faithfully, BRUCE KENT. St Aloysius Church 20 Phoenix Road, NWL. December 22.

who question their codes or con-

The last mentioned is evidenced by two of your "Moon" correspondents, Mr Masters and Mrs Farrow (December 17). In the main we know your expose has been factual. know your expose has been factual.

Even so you may well attract
another of their many writs for
libel, issued to silence opposers.

But the real tragedy behind all
this is that every day more parents
and friends are joining the
thousands who suddenly find their
children missing some without children missing, some without trace, others to turn up later alienated, and often completely changed in personality or mentally

Meanwhile, the law of our land is powerless to stop this gross abuse of liberty, or as the cults claim "freedom of religion and the principles of our free society". The Home Office, the Police and the Charity Commissioner know of these abuses but refuse to take decisive action.

In a democratic society the individual needs protection against those who use the law (or lack of it) to proselytize by methods which are clearly contrary to the public interest. This would reduce these megalomapiac cults to size, and protect our citizens, young and old, from their evil designs. Yours sincerely.

K. P. FRAMPTON, Chairman of Trustees, Deo Gloria Trust, Silver Grange, Silver Lane, Purley.

Prom Mr Rhys Manley-Sale From Mr Rhys Mantey-Sale

Sir, If your publication had existed
at a somewhat earlier date, might
it not have received similar letters
from distraught morhers and representatives of the established
religion concerning the aggressively evangelistic activities of a definitely non-U sect led by an ex-tax collector named Paul?
Yours faithfully, RHYS MANLEY-SALE

from the Garrick Club, about the

Mostyn flagons cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. His long experience as Christie's silver expert has given him more right than most to have his opinious about the aesthetics of English plate taken

seriously. Nevertheless, they are no more than opinions, however forcibly expressed, and in this case many other people who can claim to have equal authority in such matters certainly do not share them. They are apparently not shared even by Mr Grimwade's colleagues (or else he has changed his opinion during the last six months) for when the flagons were sold by Christie's on June 29 they were illustrated in colour as the frontispiece to the sale catalogue and described as "A pair of highly important Elizabeth I silver gilt

The flagons are, of course, of the

very greatest importance both as works of art and, because of their long association with an ancient and distinguished Welsh family, as historical relics. Even if all the Elizabethan flagons still in their original homes listed by Mr Grimwade were closely comparable to the Mostyn ones, which is not the case, their loss to the country would still be tragic. Mr Grimwade seems to be suggesting that the nation should adopt a Noah's Ark policy towards the export of works of art : provid-ing we retain one or two examples of each type the remainder can be allowed to go. I cannot believe that he really means this. Yours faithfully, CLAUDE BLAIR, Keeper

Department of Metalwork, Victoria and Albert Museum. South Kensington, SW7, December 21.

#### Continuation of the Lib-Lab pact

Sir, Whoever it is who talks freely to the press about private meetings to the press about private meetings of the Parliamentary Liberal Party could do his colleagues the favour of getting his facts right. I have little doubt, speaking as one who was present last Wednesday week, that had a vote been taken at our morning session there would have been a majority against breaking of the agreement with the Covernment. the agreement with the Government

For what it is worth my own backing for the Steel strategy remains undiminished.
Yours faithfully. STEPHEN ROSS, House of Commons.

From Lord O'Hugan

December 20.

Sir, Mr Hamilton (December 19) lives in a special Liberal world.

(1) The Lib-Lab pact has delayed European elections; the Conservatives would have kept to the target

date.
(2) The Liberal Party has sustained in office an anti-European nureoresentative Labour and unrepresentative Labour Government long enough to give it a chance of winning another

election.
(3) The virulent anti-marketeers in the Labour Government have blackened Britain's name in the Community; Tory antis are in a small minority, and would at least behave better when abroad.
(4) Mr Hamilton threatens to (4) Mr Hamilton threatens ro take to the streets to fight for representative democracy. Perhaps the crowds will mass under the

From Mr Stephen Ross, MP for the Isle of Wight (Liberal) oriflamme of proportional representation. They are more likely to tation. They are more likely to remember that the Liberals kept Messrs Foot and Benn in power. Yours faithfully, O'HAGAN, Sutton Court, Penstord, Bristol. December 19.

> From Mr R. S. Swann Sir, Even though it has been decided that our elections for the European Assembly will be on the "first past the post" system, need we despair of holding them in mid-1978 as all the Community member Governments wish?

Serious delay is inevitable if we

use the traditional Boundary Commission method to delimit the 81 "European" constituencies. And, as it is certain as anything political can be that this operation would apply only to the first of these elecapply only to the first of these elec-tions, some alternative to this admir-ably fair but ponderous and expen-sive operation can surely be found. In 1947 Sir Cyril Radcliffe, as he then was, completed the task of drawing new boundaries for India and Pakistan in little more than a month. It involved immense conplexities—both religious and econo-mic—but the boundaries he drew

practically single handed have endured to this day. To group the existing 635 parliamentary constituencies into 81 should by comparison be child's play. Why not entrust a single senior judge with this task? Yours faithfully,

ROBERT S. SWANN, 6 Collingham Gardens, SW5.

Manslaughter verdict

From Mr John Hampden Inskip, QC, and Mr Christopher Clark Sir, In view of certain extravagant public statements made about the sentence in the recent case of R v Liddle at Winchester Crown Court, may we endeavour to put the record straight.

The jury in the case were asked to give a special verdict as to the grounds on which their manslaughter verdict was reached. Consistent with the special verdict given were the following propositions of fact. 1. The accused came across the

body of the deceased lying at the side of a country lane. 2. On examining the body he

thought it was dead. 3. He had reasonable grounds for believing the deceased had been knocked down by a car driven by his co-accused and taken without the owner's consent a few minutes

4. He thought that when the pulice found the body he and his co-accused would be implicated in the death.

In the circumstances he panicked and put the body into the nearby river. 6. At the time the body was put into the river it was unconscious and the deceased in fact died by

drowning.
7. The accused intended the deceased no harm, but nevertheless a reosonable man in the accused's position should have realized the body was still alive, albeit un-conscious, when it was put into

the river.

The trial judge was obliged to sentence the accused consistently with the jury's special verdict. In the circumstances, we consider the personal criticism to which Mr Justice Lawson has recently been subjected to be grossly unfair. Yours faithfully, JOHN HAMPDEN INSKIP,

CHRISTOPHER CLARK, 3 Pump Court Temple, EC4. December 19.

The Star of Bethlehem

From Dr D. H. Clark and others Sir, The Bishop of Kingston (December 20) is correct in pointing out that we were not the first to find evidence for the Star of Bethlebem in Far Eastern records. Neither we, nor The Times Religious Affairs Correspondent, have ever claimed that we were the originators of a possible link between a nova in 5BC and the Star. The previous authors cited by the Bishop have made no more than passing references to such an association and have not pursued it further. Our work is the first detailed interpretation of the records and we would claim that our searches (like those of the original Wise Men!) have been concluded successfully.

Unfortunately the Bishop does not appear to have read our paper entitled "An Astronomical Re-Appraisal of the Star of Bethlehem" which was published in the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society. As astronomers we concentrated our attention on the Astronomical Treatise of the Chien-han-shu rather than on the Amals, where the po comet, referred to by the Bishop, is recorded. From studies of eclipses,

planetary conjunctions, etc. we have shown that reports in the Astrono-mical Treatise are generally of high reliability whereas reports in the Annals are of doubtful origin and

It is pleasing that we and the Bishop do appear to be in agreement that the Star of Berhlebem had a stellar, rather than a planetary We remain, Sir, the Three Wise Men from the West, DAVID H. CLARK, Principal Research Fellow, Astrophysics Division.

Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, Sussex; JOHN H. PARKINSON, Lecturer in Astrophysics, Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Department of Physics & Astronomy, University College London, Holmbury St Mary,

Dorking, P. RICHARD STEPHENSON, Research Associate, Institute of Lunar and Planetary

Sciences, School of Physics, University of Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Buying books** From Mr C. C. W. Hanmick

Sir, Mr J. D. Cable's (December 16) complaint concerning the length of time that it takes for bookshops to obtain books is justified. The existing system of distribution is simply not adequate for the 300,000 or so books in print published by over 3,000 publishers and sold through as many shops.

The answer to this problem lies

The answer to this problem has partly in speeding up the existing methods of ordering and distribution. All publishers, not just a very few, should and could turn orders round in three days and not up to three or more weeks. The book trade's recognized carrier system about the backed or sacked and should be backed or sacked and not, as frequently happens, used as a bargaining counter with other

Many more books should be stocked and sold through whole-salers who understand the daily needs of the reading public. The specious argument, frequently used by publishers, that wholesaling leads to an under use of their own warehouses must be reducted; there is no point in a publisher spending vast sums of money on his own warehousing system if, when books are needed, he cannot service the orders in a reasonable

Publishers are not the only ones at fault. Smaller booksellers must get into the habit of using wholesalers to give a better service. Booksellers must act in consortia to set up their own bulk buying and wholesaling operations like the "village shops"—20 years ago; if they do not do this, many of the small shops will not survive wholesalers must refrain from the temptation only to stock the easier selling lists and employ people with enough bookselling experience to choose and maintain the sophisticated stock required by a

large public. It has to be acknow-ledged, however, that it is unlikely that they will be able to hold, for resale, many academic or technical books.

Mr Cable has expressed the frus-tration which is felt by individual readers as well as librarians and other professionals. Quantity, in the context of books, publishers, and booksellers is a qualitative measurement which we can be proud of, but only if it leads to combined action to frustrate lethargy and incompetence. Yours faithfully:

CHARLES HAMMICK, Chairman and Managing Director, Hammicks, 16 Newmain Lane, Alton.

Prospect at The Old Vic

From Mr Toby Robertson Sir, Your drama critic's review of the Actors' Company's production of The Importance of Being Eurnest at the Round House begins with the sentence: "With the Prospect Theatre Company's entrenchment at the Old Vic, there is likely to be increasing scope for any troupe that can commit itself to touring good productions around neglected pro-vincial dates." This implies that with Prospect at the Vic there is less likelihood of Prospect working from the Vic. I hope you will allow me to correct this misconception

With Prospect working from the

Vic the company will tour more not less productions to the regions. Quality as well as quantity will be improved: already this autumn the

company working from the Vic has broken box office records for straight drama in four regional centres.

I hope the Actors' Company will continue to tour and thereby complement the work that Prospect has done as the one company which has consistently toured the major theatres in the regions since 1969.

With the Vic as a metropolitan base, Prospect will be able, not only to develop the company's work in the regions but also to sustain the Old Vic in London, a theatre which has an unrivalled record of service to London and the regions. Yours faithfully,

TOBY ROBERTSON, Director, Prospect Theatre Company, The Old Vic Annexe, 83 The Cut, SEL.



## CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE December 22: The Baptism of the Infant Son of The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Capiain Mark Phillips was administered at 12 noon soday at Buckingham Palaca.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Reverend Canen James Mansel (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and Domestic Chaptain to The Queen baptized the Infant, who received the names of Peter Mark Andrew. The Stomeous were The Prince.

the names of Peter Mark Andrew.

The Sponsors were: The Prince of Wales, the Right Reverend Geoffrey Tlarks, the Lady Cecil Cameron of Lochief. Captain Hamish Lochore and Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam.

Mr Timothy Farrell (Organist, Chormaster and Composer at Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and the Centlemen and Children of the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, were in amendance.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edimburgh, throve to Windsor Great Park this afterwon and was received upon prival at Queen Anne's Gare, by fler Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Berkshire (Mr John Smith) and the Mayor of Windsor and Maideuhead (Councillor L. Harris).

Harris).

Her Majesty was later received by the Chairman of Windsor Jubilee Council and of the Trustees of The Queen's Trees Trustees of Section and after presentations, planted an nak tree to commemorate Her Majesty's Silver lubilee. Silver Jubilee. The Right Hon Sir Philip Moore was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have arrived at Windsor Castle.

A service of thanksziving for the life of Lady Zia Wernher will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Andley Street, at 11.20 am, on Thursday, January 12. No mourning will be worn. Mr Mike Cobb sends, from Rio de

Janeiro, best wishes for a hanpy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all his friends in England.

Christening The infart son of Mr and Mrs toee Kendall) David Hume-Finsent was christened Thomas Edward by Father Niall Thornton in St Theodore's Roman Catholic Church, Cranbrook, Kent, on Sunday, December 18, 1977. The godparents are Mr Rupert Delamain, Mr Kevin Foley, Mrs Peter Brown and Mrs Glanni Mrs Peter Brown and Mrs Glanni Malvezzi.

Birthdays today

Sir Ian Bancroft, 55; Vice Admiral Sir Stephen Carlill, 75; Sir Noel Hall, 75; Sir Frederick Leggett, Hall, 75. Str Frederick Legicar 93: Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Macnab, 78: Sir Laurence Menzies, 71; Miss J. M. Quennell, 54; Mrs William Temple, 87.

Marriages

Mr R. H. Martin
and Mrs G. C. Peel
The marriage took place on Thursday, December 22, 1977, at Folkestone, between Mr Richard Haig
Martin, son of Mr and Mrs William Martin, of Danbury, Essex,
and Mrs Gay Claire Peel, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Hugo Pleury, of
Rotherfield, Sossex.

Mr J. A. Milman
and Miss S. M. Wade-Gery
The marriage rook place on Saturday, December 17, in St Andrew's
Church, Kimbolton, of Mr John
Milman, son of Colonel J. A. R.
Milman, and Mrs Milman, of
Cournes, Alpes-Maritimes, and
Miss Sarah Wade-Gery, daughter
of the late Mr W. R. Wade-Gery
and of Mrs Wade-Gery, of Bushmead, Bedfordshire.

Luncheon

Royal Automobile Club
The Senior Hundred Members met
on Wednesday to celebrate the
founding of the Royal Automobile
Club in 1897. The chairman, Sir Clive Bossom, proposed the toast of "The Senior Hundred" and the response was given by Captain Herbert Politzer, senior member

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:
The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the RAF and Mrs Wellbalowed. Lord and Lady Windlesham. Str. Chievr and Lady Dr. Chievr and Lady Dr. Chievr and Lady Dr. Chievr and Lady Dr. Chievr and Mrs. December 1818 Controlled Police and Mrs. Nichola, and Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. M. Lee.

Tate Gallery The Tate Gallery will be closed to the public on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, December 27 and New Year's

Gerald Averay Wainwright Near

University news

restern Archaeological Prizes have been awarded as follows: 1, Russlind Thomas, formerly of Oxford HS'; 2, J. F. C. Thompson, formerly of The Leys School.

An R. G. Collingwood Memorial Scholarship has been swanded to H. J. Gregson, Pembroke College. Professor B. K. Follett, BSc, PhD (Bristol), DSc(Wales), has been appointed to the chair and head-Latest pamphlets

Insight from a provincial newspaper editor

of concern for people. Reading Anglo-German relations over the his thoughts and writings, spanning a long period, one is struck by Herbert Sulzhach is a fascinating account of a remarkable man's personal contribution to the cause by their extraordinary relevance to many present-day issues.

The Political Insight of Elliott Dodds. By Donald Wade and Desmond Banks. Elliott Dodds, who died earlier this year, was a benevolent, grandfatherly-looking man, who, in addition to editing the Huddersfield Examiner for 35 years, and writing leaders for it over a much longer period. Contributed profusely to Liberal thought and the Liberal Party for nearly three quarters of a century. The authors have produced a worthy tribute to one of the great Elliott Dodds Trust, Liberal Publications Department, 9 Poland Street, London, WI; £1 (postage 15p). Liberals thinkers of the century. nearly three quarters of a century. He had a passionate concern for Liberalism, which he expressed in the editorial columns of his paper Total War to Total Trust. Edited by Rolf Breitenstein, Relation-stips, between Britain and Gar-many, which have a history dating back to Saxon times, reached

many, winch have a history dating back to Saxon times, reached probably their lowest ebb after the last war. Largely through personal contacts, however, friendly relations have been gradually restored to their present flourishing state, with cooperation at parliamentary, industrial and civic levels.

The essays beautiful topather in His two friends. Lord Wade and Lord Banks, have gathered to-gether a collection of his writings and speeches on many subjects: freedom and liberty and the res-ponsibilities they entail; wage and price policies; warnings against the growth of bureaucracy; devo-lution, or home rule for Scotland as it used to be called. Throughthey illustrate his deep sense

of mutual understanding between the two countries. A German officer in the First World War, he came to Britain as a refugee in 1937, was interned for a time at the ontset of the last war, and was later commissioned in the British Army. He describes his work in a Ger

man prisoner-of-war camp in north-east England and how he succeeded gradually in gazining the confidence of returning officers who became envoys of peace and understanding. The present state of Anglo-German relations owes re of returning officers one envoys of peace and olding. The present state officers in this man's efforts in the time as a result of the nitrogen cycle, in which plants and bacteria continuously exchange ultrogen in various forms between the soil and the atmosphere. One consequence of that complicated cycle is that to this man's efforts in Oswald Wolff (Publishers) Ltd. 52

of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, in the Music Room. They are, back row godparent; the Prince of Wales, god— Jane Bullen, the horse trials right, from left, Captain Hamish Lochore, parent; the Queen; Mr. Peter and Lady Cecil Cameron of Lochiel, Phillips, Captain Phillips's father, godparent Seated are: Princess Phillips: the Queen Mother; Anne with the baby and Princess of Athlore. Royal christening: Relations and godparents of Princess Anne's son, eter Mark Andrew Phillips, in the White Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace yesterday after he had
been christened by the Archbishop

godparent; the Duke of Edinburgh;

Mrs Anne Phillips, Captain Phillips, Captain Phillips; the Queen Mother;

Anne with the baby and Princess

Captain Phillips; the Queen Mother;

Anne with the baby and Princess

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam, Alice, Countess of Athlone.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. McDonaugh and Miss V. Marten The engagement is announced between Ruarding, younger son of Mr and Mrs James McDonaugh, of The Rectory Cortage, Whitestaution, Somerset, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Commander George and the Hon Mrs Marten, of Cricinal House, Wimbonne, Dorset.

The engagement is announced between Tony Ashley, son of the late Leonard Thomas Cooper, and Mrs Cooper, of Croydon, Surrey, and Carol Serena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Anthony Royce Nayler, of Kenley, Surrey.

Mr H. W. H. Hanford and Miss A. S. Duckworth
The engagement is announced
between Heico, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs L. W. Hanford, of
Breaston, Derbyshire, and Angela,
daughter of Mr and Mrs K.
Duckworth, of Biddesden,
Witshire.

Mr R. R. Murdoch and Miss G. G. Stubbs

ann miss v. c. smooth The engagement is announced be-tween Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Murdoch, of Wemyss Bay, Renfrewshire, and Gillian, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Stubbs, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. Mr I. M. Richards and Miss S. J. Strachan

between Ivan, son of Mr and Mrs
I. Richards, of The Lodge, Pool
Park, Ruthin, North Wales, and
Strath, daughter of the late Dr
Michael Strachan and of Mrs
R. M. Bernstein, of Barrowden,
Rutland.

and Miss P. Huberman
The engagement is announced of
William, youngest son of Mr and
Mrs Conyers Surries; of Archers
Hill, Tilford, Surrey, and Pamela,
doughter of Mr and Mrs Greig
Huberman, of Boston, Massachusetts and Naples, Florida. The
marriage will take place on December 31 at Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr C. Wilton and Miss A. V. M. Fuicher
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Wilton, of Little Fenton, Yorkshire, and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Futcher, of Loughbotough, Leicestershire.

Appointments:

Church news Latest wills

Appointments:
The Rev M. D. Castle, curate of St. Gabriel's Wooley Castle, diocese of Binningham, to be Vicar.
The Rev R. K. Stedge, Revior of the Dronfield Team Ministry, Rural Dean of Chesterfield and Archdocondesionale of Huntineston, to be Rector of Herningford Abbots, diocuse of Ely.
Diocese of Rochester
The Rev, P. K. Revyard, Vicar of Capel. Dorking and assistant director of the Rev, P. K. Revyard, Vicar of Capel. Dorking and assistant director of the Rev B. R. F. Roche, priest insistone of North Electricity, to be Rector of Luton, Chatham.
The Rev R. D. Smith, Vicar of Stake's.
Bronley R. F. White Chaplain to the Slade Groen, to be Vicar of St Ankb's.

Bromley.

The Rev P. F. White, Chaplain to the
Forces, to be Recur of Barming. SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL: etperior to investigate energy experiment to investigate energy addition of cosmic ray: £18,620 no rasor C. Androw and Dr. T. D. is for an investigation of high stock was processes; £29,500 to Dr. E. G.

energy device, 2-5,650 from the British Library to vir N. Higham for "south west academic libraries exoperative automa-vian modert". Bath scademic libraries cooperative automa-tion project ... £51,890 from the Cancer Research Campaign to Professor M. A. Epstein

Mr G. A. H. Eowden
and Miss M. Figgess
The engagement is announced
between Gregory Andrew Houston,
youngest son of Sir Frank and
Lady Bowden, of Thame Park,
Oxfordshire, and Michaela,
younger daughter of Sir John and
Lady Figgess, of The Manor Lady Figgess, of The Manor House, Burghfield, Berkshire.

Mr L. Begner
and Miss V. Z. Brecher
The engagement is announced
between Laurence, son of Mr and
Mrs Ralph Begner, of 27 Mount
Pleasant Road, London, NW10,
and Valerie Zara, daughter of Mr
and Mrs David Brecher, of 64
Winnington Road, London, N2.

Mr F. R. P. Bancock and Miss E. Ho and Miss E. Ho
The engagement is announced from Hongkong between Franklin Russell Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Hancock, of South Stoke, Abbutswood, Guildford, and Elizabeth, May Yee, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. K. Ho, of 53 Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, Hongkong.

Mr. D. C. Issitt and Missi E. J. Speakman and Missi E. J. Speakman
The engagement is announced
between David, only son of Mr
and Mrs John Issit, of Harpenden,
Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs John
Speakman, of Boxmoor, Hertfordhira.

between Andrew Bennett, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. B. New-combe, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Susan Yvonne, younger daughter of Lieutetant-Colonel and Mrs D. J. Phillips, of Oslo, Norway. and Miss S. Talty

and Miss S. Talty
The engagement is announced between Curnac, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. J. Smith, of Winnisor House, London Road, Temple Eweil, Dover, Kent, and Sheena, only daughter of Dr Sean Taity and the late Mrs Kathleen Telty, of Maidstone House, 142 of Maidstone House, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Mr. R. N. G. Twigge and Miss M. J. F. Van Koppen-hagen tween Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Twigge, of Woodbridge, Suffolk. and Marianne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frans

tax paid; tax not disclosed);

Beaumont, Lieutenant-Colonel Raiph Edward Blackett, of Mach-ulleth, Unionist MP for Ports-mouth Central, 1931-1945 £223,241 Cole, Mrs Vera Elizabeth, of Torquay . . . . £151,341 Concern Service Servic Worplesdon £154,341 Strong, Mr Reginald Whitley, of Worplesdon £132,089 Williams, Mr John Dilwyn, of Hereford, intestate £502,564

riones of the Wellcome Trust to 7,627 from the Wellcome Trust to rolessor J. B. Chappell and Projessor Prys-Roberts to study "the effects anaesthesia on biochemical function myneratial cells"

#### Latest appointments

TV news agency post for Sir Charles Curran

Latest appointments include:
Sir Charles Currad, former Director General of the BBC, is to be
managing director of Visnews, the
television new: agency, in succession to Mr Ronald Waidman, who
retires at the end of the month.
Sir John Gartick, Second Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet.
Office, to be Permanent Secretary,
Environment Department, in succession to Sir Ian Bancroft, next

cession to Sir Ian Bancrost, next month.

Mr. Colin Macpherson, deputy, chairman of the Commission for New Towns, to be chairman in succession to Sir Dennis Pilcher, who retires in March.

Mr Emeka Anyaokn, of Nigeria, and Mr John Small, of Canada, to be deputy secretaries general of the Commonwealth, in charge of political and economic affairs respectively.

spectively.

Mr. David Flynn, chief sub-editor of The Sunday Times, to be editor of The Sun, Sheffield, in succession to Mr. Culin Branngan, in February.

Vienna orchestra to visit London

with a top price of f15 for a sear (our Music Reporter writes). Sergin Cellhidache, the Romanian conductor, is to give three Concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra in April. On his first visit for 15 years he will be conducting such works as Brahms's Symphony No 4, Hindemith's Mathis der Maler, Debussy's Iberia and Prokoviev's Romeo and Juliet State.

25 years ago Prom The Times of Tuesday, Dec 23, 1952 New York, Dec 22.—Recently the original manuscript of the 47 fairy tales that the brothers Grimm published in 1812. So far as is known it is the only manuscript by the Grimms still in existence although the authors spent years after the first publication expanding and amending the original tales. It has not been disclosed at what price it is being held, but to that there may be close in the fact what price it is being held, but to that there may be clues in the fact that it is insured for \$100,900 (approximately £33,340) and in a report that before the Second World War its owner refused that amount for it. The manuscript is owned by a European monestery, the name of which is being with-Latest estates include (net, before

> Today's engagements St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, Holy Communion and carols, 12.30; Carols on steps, 7.30. Horse Guards Parade: mounted

guard changing ceremony, 11. Christmas exhibition: Fox Gal-lerics, Cork Street, Maylair, 10-6. 10-6.
Walk: Historic London public Munich and Geneva; but he thouses. Covent Garden, meet Embankment station, 7.30.

#### Restoring the lustre to a collection of coins

By Our Coin Correspondent

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Methods of cleaning coins have
always raised differences of
opinion. Cleaning can add to any
wear the coin may have received,
particularly with soft merajs such
as gold. Even so, if a coin is
particularly dirty much of its
charm may be lost.

A reasonably harmless way to
clean gold is with a little lemon
juice applied on a pad of cotton
wool. To stiffen the metal, gold
coins are alloyed. Traces of even
so mild an acid should not be
left on the coin, which should
afterwards be washed in warm
water and dried on a soft rowel.
That prevents the acid from attacking the alloy.

ing the alloy.

This method of cleaning is aimed at causing no additional wear by friction. That applies to the cleaning of any coin.

the cleaning of any coin.

Blackness on silver coins can be removed by household ammonia, applied as before. Some collectors use soft soap and water, drying the coin afterwards. Where the discoloration is only sight the coin may be breathed on and lightly brushed with the very soft type of brush used by professional silver cleaners. Brushing with hard or milon bristles can cause scratches, particularly on a coin of high facilitiance.

maiely the coin may ran to pieces.
Where copper or brome coins are really divir, as with a conglomerate of Roman coins long buried, diviry and possibly stuck together, advice should be obtained from a museum with an important coin collection and trained staff.

The collecting of commemors tive medals, long neglected in Britain, is rapidly coming back into favour. The same metals are encountered as with coins, also tin and powers. To clean them professional advice should be

The collector of war medals has a somewhat freer hand. His medals will almost certainly have been cleaned many times by their recipient. The commonest metals recipient. The commonest metals, are silver, cupro-nickel and bronze. Subject to personal preference, they should be clean and bright.

A point of controversy among collectors concerns the ribbon. There are those who would never fit a new length, holding that the original, if badly worn, shows that the recipient was proud of his awards and wore them frequently. Some collectors, however, like bright new ribbons to be fitted to make the award look at its most attractive.

There is one subtle difference

ammonia, applied as before.

Some collectors use soft soap and water, drying the coin afterwards. Where the discoloration is only slight the coin may be breathed on and lightly brushed with the very soft type of brush used by professional. Silver channes. Brushing with hard or mylon bristles can cause scratches, particularly on a coin of high brilliance.

Cleaming of proof coins, struck on polished blanks and having a mirror finish, should not be undertaken. The coin should not be on poissaed blanks and having a mirror finish, should not be undertaken. The coin should not be dirty, since it has never been circulated. Even a finger mark on the political surface may become almost permanett.

Copper and bronze coits should not be cleaned. If certain substances are used the metal will, over a long period begin to dislintegrate. Unpleasant crystalline deposits begin to form and altimately the coin may fall to pieces.

Where copper or bronze coins

treasure his awards accordingly. The study of coins and medals calls for works of reference. There are plenty to be had; including reprints of earlier important works, about a bundred new books appear each year. They cover every conceivable aspect of rollecting, on come from ancient Greek and Roman to modern world issues. Many catalogues of the latter also contain valuations the same purpose as those found in a stamp cetalogue.

An annual list of new and is-pring numismatic books, entitled About Those Coins, is usually published by Spinks in April, and is free on request. It also covers books on commemorative medals, war medals and decorations and bank notes.

## First competition in UK for double bass players

Port Erin on the Isle of Man will be resounding to the tunes of sevbass compedition and workshop to be held in the United Kingdom. The double bass is usually dis-regarded as a solo instrument, but there is a considerable repertury for it and increasing interest in furthering its potential.

Mr Rodney Slatford, cofounder of the competition, said he was expecting between 300 and 400 players from all over the world to attend the workshop, although the competition could not cope with more than 50 entries.

The competition has attracted an eminent jury of bass players from such countries as the United States, the Soviet Union, Italy and Czechoslovakia. Mr. Slatford said they wanted to take advantage of the presence of such musicians by holding other activities.

Among works that will be played at recitals during the week will be many receiving their first will be many receiving their first performances in the British Isles and there will be several world

round of the competition and the eventual with take part in the firmit round of the competition and the eventual without will be invited to give the premiere of a new concerts by Richard Rodney Bennett with the English Chamber Orchestra.

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There will be a first prize of

## Science report

# Agriculture: Effects on ozone layer

ranging from the use aerosol sprays to supersonic transport, and there have been suggestions that such activities should be banned. But agriculture is a far more widespread activity and it has been suggested that agricultural modifications to the Earth tural modifications to the Earth have increased the ozone layer. If that is true, man's activities are increasing our ozone shield, rather than decreasing it as is The layer of ozone in the

stratosphere protects us from ultraviolet radiation from the Sun, and its is assumed that a reduc-tion in the depth of that layer would lead to harmful effects. An increased incidence of skin cancer is one consequence that has been

mirrous oxide is released into the atmosphere. A small proportion reaches the stratosphere, where it is converged into mirric oxide, and nitric oxide is responsible for the destruction of coone.

The processes involved are complex and poorly understood, but it is clear that if the nitrogen cycle is changed in such a way that the production of nitrous oxide notice amount of introus oxide produced in the amount of introus oxide produced in the

Production of nirrors oxide (laughing gas), thrives in environ-ments that are saturated with water and contain little oxygen, much organic matter and ferti-lizer. The use of land for agricultural purposes changes those characteristics.

Dr H. W. Elisaesset, of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

mitrous oxide. Irrigation scheme

and use of ferralizer have the opposite effect, but they are usually on a smaller scale as they tend so be applied to porous and well drained soils, which will produce little nitrous oxide. The net

between 1957 and 1970 there was a dramatic increase.
That is contrary to popular belief, which assumes that since there is so much fuss the exone layer must be decreasing. The increase mass well be due to agriculture but we are a long way from being able to do any rebable cabulations. It is not yet possible to estimate how many gardens have to be dug to compensate for one Contorde filight. By Nature Times News Service, 1977.

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### MR RAYMOND McGRATH Avant-garde architectural movement

of war.

production.

the 1930s he aiso designed

private houses, notably in Hampstead and at Chertsey. He closed his office at the outbreak

He had always been a skil-

ful draughtsman, specializing in-

watercolours and drawings of gentle sensitivity in a fairly traditional style, and in 1940 he was appointed an official war

artist, with a commission to record the processes of aircraft

In 1948 he moved to Dublin.

where he became principal architect in the Office of Public

Works, a post in which he remained until he retired in 1968. He was then made professor of

architecture at the Royal Hibernian Academy. The work for which he was responsible in

Ireland included the design for

the cenotaph on Leinster Lawn. Dublin (1950), the remodelling

of the Irish President's house, restoration work at Dublin Castle and work on a number of Irish embassies. But he had

of Irish embassies. But he had no strong impact on architecture in Ireland and, either through a loss of intellectual stamina or simply through the absence of the right kinds of opportunity, his own work while he was in Ireland never developed in the direction his

London career had promised. He had one further important commission, being appointed in

1970 to design the new Matthew Gallagher art gallery in Dublin for the RHA.

While he was still in London

McGrath had published two books: Twentieth Century Houses (1934), a knowledgable survey of modern house design

all over Europe, with its text in the then fashionable Basic

Mr Raymond McGrath, FRIBA, FRIAI, RHA, who died on December 2 at the age of 74, is remembered with regard and affection by those who took part in the avant-garde architectural movements of the 1930s. He was one of the small band -for the most part members of the Modern Architectural Research group—who propa-gated in England the new notions about architecture then recently established on the Continent. But McGrath played his part for only a short time. When he was still in his forties he took an official post in Ireland where he achieved little of note

and appeared to have lost his

interest in the new movements, or at least his will to courribute to them. Raymond McGrath was born in Sydney, Australia, in 1903. His father, Herbert Edgar Mc-Grath, was a New Zealander and his mother Australian. He and his mother Australian. He studied architecture at Sydney University, where he graduated in 1926 with first-class honours and a university medal. In the same year he won a Wentworth travelling Fellowship. This brought him to England where he held a research endeathin he held a research studentship in architecture at Clare College, Cambridge, from 1927-29.
At Cambridge he was befriended and, like so many young men of his generation, had new intellectual doors had new intellectual doors opened for him by Mansfield Forbes, who commissioned him to remodel and decorate "Finella", an early Victorian house in Queen's Road. The sparklingly original and mildly Expressionist interiors be designed for it became something of a landwark for students.

Grath set up in practice in London and obtained various small

thing of a landmark for students of the new architecture.
When he left Cambridge, Mc-

commissions for restaurants, showrooms, exhibitions and the

like, in which he displayed eleg-ance and restraint. He was ap-

ALMA SEIDLER

Alma Seidler, leading actress of the Vienna Burg Theatre, has died in Vienna, aged 78. Her debut as Hedwig in The Wild Duck in 1918 leunched her on a distinguished career that spanned 60 years of un-interrupted professional work with the Burg Theatre, of which she was an honorary member when she died. She appeared in films, and on radio and television, but rearely ventured out-side her native Austria. Her international reputation was

international reputation was therefore perhaps unjustly over-shadowed by some others of her colleagues, though she won the hearts of all Paris in the title role of Schmitzler's Countess Mizzi when her company visited the Theatre of the Nations in

1955. From the outset she exploited best the sensibility and gentle of the role of Mary Tyrone, or ness of her pattere and a sense The Old Woman of Chaillot. ne from which might on occasion

or tut winds magnt on occasion lapse into touching melancholy, and which especially suited her performances in the plays of Nestroy and Raimund. Her outstanding roles were Lucille in the historical production by the Nestroy Theorem and the Viscons. Burg Theatre and the Vienna the immetes of an old people's State Opera of Moliere's Le Bourgeois Gentilbonne with the music of Richard Strauss.

#### Lord Anglesey writes: To your perceptive obituary

notice of Ralph Edwards may add the fact that his superb scholarship extended well be-youd his professional interests He had, too, a wide know-ledge of Church matters, This

led him to write, over 30 years led him to write, over 30 years ago, an erutite, withy and, as always, controversial article in The Times Literary Supplement on the errors committed by Trollope in his ecclesiastical novels. Ralph's wide reading of

MR T. G. HARMAN

charamer. Born in England of Anglorish parents, he was educated at Mariborough and Pembroke Codege, Cambridge. Before the war, he spent four years in war, he spent four years in J. Walter Thompson's London office, followed by a brief spell

in Belgium.

At the outbreak of war, Terry
Harman was attached to the
Poreign Office, involved in intelligence operations in the Eastern Medicerranean and was made ORE in 1946 for his wartime services. MR HAROLD

## MATHER

Mr Harold Mather, the Mr Henry Tandey, VC, DCM, longest serving of national MM, who one of the most deconewspaper Rugby League re-rared privates in the British porters, has died at the age of Amy in the First World War, 57. A former Northern sports has died at the age of 86. Henry "Bapper" Tandey, a foundermember of the Rushy analive of Learnington Soa, 280 founder-member of the Rugby League Writers Association, he had been Rugby League Correspondent for the paper since 1950 and had four times toured Australasia with Rugby League parties. He joined the old Man-chester Guardian as a messenger boy in 1936 and served for of years with the RAF as a wireless operator air gunner. He leaves a widow, married son

Mr Herbert James Ashley, Dipiomatic Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph from 1945

English, a book which might have made more impact if had it not been overshadowed by F. R. S. Yorke's The Modern House, published in the same year: and Glass in Architecture and Decoration, which McGrath compiled with A. C. Frost in pointed consultant to the BEC 1937.

for a group of new studios at In 1930 McGrath married Broadcasting House, one of Mary Crozier of Dallas, Texas, which he himself designed. In They had a son and a daughter.

Hermia in A Midsommer Night's Dream (1924), Kätchen Night's Dream (1924), Kätchen in Kleist's play (1927). Ared in The Tempest (1928). Gwendolen in The Importance of Being Earnest (1938), The Maid in St. Joan (1939), Maria in Twelfth Night (1942), Christine in Schnitzler's Liebelei (1946), Lavinia in T. S. Eliot's The Cocktail Party (1951), Doña Rosita in Lorca's play (1953), and the aforesaid Countess Mizzi. She showed an equal facility in the classics, in drawing room comedies and in popular Autrian dramas. In her maturity she scored in the subtle por-

trayal of eccentric characters, as, for example, in The Visit of the Old Ladu, A Long Day's Journey into Night, when she gave as affecting a study of near-madness as any interpreter in Luca Ronconi's spectacular production of Aristophanes's The Birds at the Burg, and last season at the Akendie Theatre in They Should Have Seen Me, a light Viennese comedy about the immetes of an old people's MR RALPH EDWARDS

pleasure, more perhaps some times than did his deeply held, uncompromising, political views.
These, regularly expressed in
pungent, waspish terms, looked
with mounting horror upon as the greatest expert on English furniture of his day. Over
lish furniture of his day. Over
many years, for instance, he contributed reviews of books on contributed reviews of books on political interests, though by no means all his judgments, he cally painting, to the leading art fournals.

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tion was unlimited, ever exer-cised an irenic influence amidst his disputations and shared with him a dry, iromic sense of humour. Though at least as subject to illness herself, she cared for him most anxiously poetry and the classics afforded through his persistent ailments his immunerable friends intense so bravely borne.

Victor Ross writes:

The bare biographical outline
of Terry Harman, who died in
New York on December 20,
gives little clue to his
character.

He was recruited to head
British Readers Digest and under his leadership, the British
company expanded to become
one of the major publishers in
this country. this country. He was also re-sponsible for launching both the Dutch and Italian Readers Digest companies, and was put in charge of European opera-tions. In 1965 he moved to tions. In 1965 he moved New York, to supervise all Readers Digest international His many friends will remen-

ber Terry best for his leader-ship, for his capacity to inspire love, and to return it. In this respect he was unique, and his wife and family are uniquely

#### MR HENRY TANDEY, VC

After in the First World War, has died at the age of 86.
Henry "Bapper" Tandey, a native of Learnington Spa, also who many mentions in dispatches for his bravery with the West Riding Regiment.

When advancing on Marcoing in September, 1918, he was instrumental in beauing off an attack by an overshelming attack by an occurredning on an attack by an occurredning number of German soldiers when he led a haponet charge which drove back 37 enemy who were afterwards captured by the campaigner of his countries.

emainder of his company.

Though twice wounded be refused to leave the fight until it bad been won. Earlier in the day he had eliminated a German machine gun and repaired a plank bridge under heavy

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## BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Christmas in the gilt market

Sterling was not the only currency to suffer yesterday as the dollar mounted a late Christmas rally after President Carter's confidence-bolstering statement. But the sharpness of the reaction was enough to leave the gilt market to drift lower as the allocations for the new Treasury 101 per cent 1999 stock were awaited.

In the event, it looks as if something like £150m was put up for the stock in its £15 paid form—£120m was needed for full subscription-with the market suggesting that there may well have been considerable overseas interest, some foreigners apparently still preferring to buy stock from the primary source rather than in the secondary market.

What happens to the price in first dealings tomorrow remains to be seen, but the general assumption is that any premium will be very minimal. But while some domestic stags may move out quickly ahead of the holiday period and some overseas huvers might have their nerve shaken by vesterday's relapse in sterling, there should he fresh buyers around to take up the slack.

The assumption in the market remains that short-term interest rates should soften in early January and that the news on the pay front could be favourable enough to see long yields drop a little further. True, the run in £15 paid form is not all that long
—there is a call for £40 per cent on January
9—but the authorities may be able to hold MLR just long enough to keep marginal investors on the hook. In the short-term, romorrow's buyers will have a four-day run over the holiday period before settlement is

#### Textiles

#### An historic turning point?

Textile company shares have so far signally failed to respond to the enthusiastic pronouncement from Mr Edmund Dell, trade secretary, that the new Multi-Fibre Arrangement will prove "an historic turning point in the fortunes of the United Kingdom textile and clothing industries". This does not mean that there is any lack of interest in the new four-year deal which will mean very much tighter restrictions on products representing around 75 per cent of textile. imports into Britain.

On the contrary, the agreement goes much farther than anyone thought possible a year ago, and much of the credit is being given to the toughness of the Government's negotiating posture. But in fact, shares have already shown some relative strength

believed that the day before it had been announced that the 25 per cent surrender rule would be abolished. There was little

business yesterday and it will probably be

well into January before any trends develop,

disinvestment of overseas stocks as long

suffering shareholders take the opportunity

to rationalize overseas portfolios without

having to bear the surrender penalty. How-ever, this is not likely to have such an effect

on holders of South African gold and other

mining shares since political events in South

Africa have probably shaken out most of

to South Africa four years ago it was esti-

mated that gold shares worth some £900m were held in London. The figure now has

been put at £90m. Whether the changes

announced this week will enable London to

win back its former preeminence in the

gold market from the Americans must

remain a very moot point given the hefty contraction which has taken place bere.

lead to any new net investment in South

Africa because political factors have already

taken over as the dominant determining factor. Institutions would certainly need far

The magazine Building, which

is aimed at the design and

construction world, has come

up with a sparkling selection of

quotes in its last issue of the

Pride of place must go to one

remark earlier this year by Eric Lyons, past president of

the Royal Institute of British Architects, who is renorted as saving: "Last week I was un-

certain; but now I'm not so

lament from Sir Derek Ezra,

chairman of the National Coal

think about money problems"

And what about the Public

Accounts Committee, who in

looking at overspending by the

Property Services Agency said:

into a measure of disrepute when it is seen to be ineffec-

tive by the approval of the

that would have made the Otto-

man Empire droot with envy".

After-dinner speeches also

provided the building industry

Freasury control is brought

Amen.

However, there is also this

The abolition of the surrender may not

Before the dollar premium was extended

In the short-term there might be net

if indeed they are going to.

the stale bulls by now.

Gold shares without the surrender

Judging by turnover in gold shares in the more fundamental changes to alter their stock market yesterday, one would not have views on investing in South Africa.

in recent weeks as it became clear that the deal could be a good one from the British industry's point of view, and for the rest it is a question of awaiting greater detail in the New Year.

There is still some worry about how effectively the MFA can be policed; but it tentatively looks as though the progressive inroads into the British market by imports during recent years may now be halted. In the first place that would bring benefits to comanies like Courtaulds, Carrington Viyella and Tootal which are essentially high volume, low cost producers.

But obviously the MFA is only one among a variety of factors for the textile industry as a whole. Its prospective benefits have to be seen in the context of gross over-capacity in fibres -especially painful for Courtaulds



Sir Arthur Knight, chairman of Courtaulds.

a stronger pound which is making export ing progressively harder, and continuing flat markets which do not appear to be getting much uplift from the festive season.

.Where it could be a help, however, would be in the event of the anticipated revival in consumer demand. In the past such upswings have tended to be satisfied by a sucking in of cheap imports, and if that does not now recur the more highly-geared operations ought to be exceptionally well placed to increase profits. Much will continue to depend on the pound's performance, but material costs will not be rising much, wage increases seem likely to be modest and there is every prospect of textile company profits at least growing as fast as those of industry as a whole.

In the meantime there is now a sufficient discrepancy between share prices and asset values for textile companies again to begin offering the prospect of a reasonable return on capital on a medium-term view, and with one or two known predators around in the sector the New Year could well see bids for one or two of the smaller companies.

views on investing in South Africa.

a politically sensitive market.

St Joe and Phelps Dodge.

However, the abolition of the surrender

rule could bring back into fashion the switching mechanism, always a prime factor

in the South African gold share market, and

which made it an exciting, if exacting, mar-

ket to follow. With the surrender worth

abour 7 per cent, investors needed to see

an appreciation of some 13 per cent before

making a capital gain on their investment and that was a heavy price to pay in such

Manwhile, abolition of the surrender saw

an immediate marking down in the price of Consolidated Gold Fields—the prime non-

premium gold stock—and to a lesser extent of Charter Consolidated. The reasoning here

being that direct gold share investment is

now more attractive. Nevertheless, the aboli-tion of the surrender has increased the value

portfolios: for example, about £5m to £61m

has been added to the value of Cons Gold's

the mining houses overseas investment

#### The adjustments being made by whisky's biggest producer to comply with EEC

## requirements are not likely to be a serious setback

## Distillers blends a subtle market strategy

ent willingness to sacrifice sales in Britain to comply with EEC Commission requirements on competition policy reflects fundamental differences in the home and overseas markets for Scotch whisky.

On the face of it, by withdrawing Johnnie Walker Red Label and other leading brands from the United Kingdom and seeking to put up the price of others, the Distillers Company is risking a large slice of its home market. Sales of Scotch whisky in the United Kingdom have an annual retail value of more than £600m and it is estimated that the company holds well over 30 per cent of this

In practice, the risks are not as great as they seem. Scotch whisky is a national drink in Britzin, representing more than half of all spirit sales—far more than gin, brandy or vodka—whereas in other EEC countries it accounts for a small though growing, fraction, typically less than 5 per cent of spirit sales.

British whisky drinkers are much less likely to react to price and other changes by abandoning a well-established hebit than are their continental neighbours. Sales have already withstood prize increases this year comparable to the maxi-mum proposed by the Distillers

Company.

A duty increase implemented in January raised the price of whisky per bottle by approximately 29p, on top of which there was added in March a manufacturers' rise of about 12p. Yet, if the distortions caused by the trade stocking up in advance of the increases and sharp price competition at retail level are ironed out, there retail level are ironed out, there. has been little impact on overall sales volumes

#### Cheaper brands

What has happened over the past few years as a result of a combination of the general pressure on disposable incomes and heavy tax increases has been a spate of cheaper Scotch whisky brands.

Backed by little or no advertising these are designed to self prised even the manufacturers' by winning very wide acceptance in a short time. Brands in the new category include King's Royal, marketed by Teacher's, the Real Mackenzia, from a Bell's subsidiary, and Claymore. introduced in September by Distillers. All are designed to be promoted by supermarkets and other price conscious offlicences at more than 20p chemoer than rival, but more familiar, brands.

Such a development would not be possible at this stage in the embryonic though fast growing continental markets. In almost all of these markets Scorch whisky faces tax discrimination which favours locally produced spirits. As a result, since it is invariably more expensive, it is regarded. as a prestige product and con-sumers are highly suspicious (often with justification) of unknown names.

overseas investment portfolio (excluding essociates) which was worth about £60m Given the South African situation, however, there is now likely to be much greater interest shown in American mining companies—groups like Kennecott, ASARCO, St Joe and Phelps Dodge.

A well as retailing a firm foothold in the cheaper bracket. Distillers is also hedging its bets as far as the big brands are concerned. It has firmly stated that the price of Haig. its second biggest selling brand

The Distillers Company's appar in Britain, will remain un-While there will undoubtedly

be a scramble by Teacher's and Bells, the next two largest Bells, the next two largest Scotch whisky producers, for the Johnnie Walker Red Label share of sales, Distillers is understood to have plans to fight back. A large advertising campaign for Haig is planned for the new year and plans were announced yesterday to introduce another new brand to replace the ontgoing version of Johnnie Walker. bunie Walker.

British consumers of the four-main brands whose prices the Distillers Company is propos-ing to raise, Black & White, White Horse, Dewar's and Vat-69, have already shown that they will hold to their preference against strong price com-petition from cheaper rivals The risk that they will change as a result of increases—the extent of which will have to be determined the Price Commis-sion—is qualified.

#### Slender margins

Apert from regional distinc-tions, the very large home market for Scotch whisky splits into a variety of segments from supermarket off-licences to public houses and the hotel and catering trade. Each of these reacts in differing ways to price and other changes.

The Distillers Company by far the largest producer of Scotch whisky, with between 40 and 50 per cent of the industry's output. It operates in a field where unit profit margins are fairly slender and de-pendent on the economies of scale gained through mass pro-

The company has already demonstrated, in a tussle with Teacher's a few years ago, that it can force the pace on prices.

It is unlikely to suffer very great loss of business through its measures to meet the EEC. Commission's requirements

Moreover, through making the adjustments on the fairly stable domestic front rather than tampering with the more fragile continental markets, it has the chance of making con-siderable gains. With the ex-ception of Denmark, all the other EEC countries consume much more spirits per head than does Britain.

#### Cumulative: gains

If the Scotch whisky producers can convert even a few of these to their product, the cumulative gains would be enormous. The Continent. already taking exports totalling 16.84 million proof gallons in 1976—representing more than
18 per cent of total overseas
sales—is absorbing at least as
much wibisky as does the United Kingdom.

Growth is hampered by the furore over its compliance with the EEC Commission's ruling the Distillers Company also manages to hasten harmoniza-tion, on this front, the benefits to it would be multiplied.

Patricia Tisdall

#### Kenneth Owen, Technology Correspondent

of employment in post-indus-

and more capital-intensive.

The shift of employment in Britain was likely to follow that in the United States, Professor Stonier suggests, There, numbers employed in service

and manufacturing industries have levelled off in farm work

they have declined and in white-collar occupations they

have risen sharply. In this last case the shift has been from

clerical and management to technical/professional

is concerned with the "know-ledge industry"—with creating

new knowledge or transmitting

information from one person

A handful of microprocessors was today's equivalent in com-

computer centre only a few

years ago, another speaker told the conference. The tele-

communications industry in particular was undergoing a

painful transition at present from electromechanical to elec-

ford a century ago.

The electronic revolution is upon us and we had better be aware that things will never be the same again. We are in the early stages of an upheaval that will prove to be just as disruptive to established patterns of life as was the Industrial Revolution of the last century.

This warning was given earlier this week by Dr Tom Stonier, Professor of Science and Society at Bradford Univer-

and Society at Bradford University. "The quest for industrial jobs is an illusion", he declared. "It's not going to happen."

Speaking at Bath University, Professor Stonier was giving a profile of the so called post-industrial society at a regional conference. on technological conference on technological change. The conference was organized jointly by the univer-sity's Science and Technology Education Centre and the Standing Conference on Schools' Science and Technology.

The heavy increase in unemployment since the 1973 oil crisis. Professor Stonier said, was caused not by a straight-forward industrial depression, as generally believed, but by a long-term, rechnological dis-placement of labour. He went on to sketch some features of the post-industrial society.

It had begun to emerge in the mid-1950s in the United States, parts of western Europe, and Japan. It was based on the development, production and application of solid-state microlectronics and accompanying

Just as the Industrial Revoluion had mechanically extended the human muscular system; the new electronic revolution was extending the human nervous system. The mechanical era (roughly 1500-1950) was giving way to the communicative era -and significant changes were

These included changes in primary products—from manu-factured goods to the production and dissemination of knowledge and the organizing of society—and a change from national to international empha-sis, as the new technology. associated with computers, telecommunications, radio and television made transpational economic activity easier and gave rise to multinational cor-Labour-intensive industry reonic manufacture.

This specific example reinforced Professor Stunier's general case. Mr Kenneth Cortield, the managing director of STC, one of the three main relecommunication. Learning to live telecommunications suppliers, has quoted figures to show that, in the in moving from electro-mechanical to semi-electronic number of direct operatives required is decreasing by a factor of 2.6. This change is electronic already under way.

But worse is to come. In the society

next transition, from semielectronic to the all-electronic System X for the 1980s and tended to move to sources of cheap labour; mature industry 1990s, there will be a further 10:1 reduction in the producworld, with an inevitable loss tion labour required.

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trial societies. These societies experienced inflation and mas-The Bath conference was. concerned to make such changes industrialists, educators and panners. But how should sive unemployment at the same education respond? There is no became less labour-intensive easy answer, but a number of recent comments are relevant.

Both Professor Stonier and

higher wages and productivity were achieved not by working Sir leuan Maddock (in liis harder but by new technology.

A new ICI Terviene plant
would be able to produce as recent Imperial College inhilecmajority of graduates of the future should be versatile much with 100 people as could the entire labour force of Bradgeneralists, not specialists, since versatility and inter-disciplinary thinking will be all-It was nonsense to say that only industry generated wealth. A good patent could generate as much wealth as a factory.

Dr Patrick Nutigens, Director Leeds Polytechnic, in his recent Burton paper to the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, "Learning to some purpose", attacks the conven-tional assumption in education that technology says: rechnology is creative approach to the practical arts and, among many other things, it is at home with change.

And a point made in the general discussion at Eath—the apply knowledge, not merely to

Certainly, there is a mismatch between the academic acquisition of knowledge and the needs of industry and society to apply it; and this mismatch could grow out of control as the new technology forces radical changes in the patterns of work, services and

## French farming: a challenge not to be under-rated

hoes by day and rest by night in isolated stone houses in which livestock and poultry are free to wander. . .

A brochure about holidays in Britain aimed at French farmers advises them when traveiling from Salisbury to Stonehenge to stop in "one of the numerous inns along the road where you can hear the local gentleman farmers talking passionately, about the up-

sumer market.
One thing it is always instructive to notice in other EEC states: the importance with which Britain tegards its place in the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy is not shared elsewhere. The con-trast is most marked in France where British manipulation of the policy seems so grotesque and outlandish as to be regarded as almost laughable.

On issues like continued access for produce from New Zealand and Australia, Britain is considered to have adopted artitudes so remote from those felt at the bosom of the Community that that country is almost disqualified from serious consideration as a member.

Anyone who examines
French farming is instantly
buried under a heap of statistics. Nobody can go near any
official or official or commercial organi

views about EEC agriculture is

COMPARISON OF BRITISH AND FRENCH FARMING Farmland (million hectares") Arable percentage (ha)
Proportion of holdings above 50 ha (%)
% of population working on the land Average wheat yield (tonnes/hectare)
Average suger-beet yield (t/ha) Self-sufficiency (%) in grain oils and index of total, output: meat cereals Index of individual consumption : meat

1 hectare = approx. 21 acres.
Fresh, excluding potatoes † ie, base=100 Source : EEC Commission data for 1975

stage. France is still supposed here to be the country which shows loudest about the rules of the policy, while perverting them more ruthlessly than any

other member.

Its priority is said to be to maintain the living standards of its incompetent smallholders at a cost of ertificially high food prices throughout the EEC. That is a widespread British view and many farmers and food traders will cite French policy on dumping

There is enormous strength in French agriculture and the official statistics give ample evidence of rising prosperity 9

eggs in 1975 and on curbing lamb imports in 1977 as evi-French farmers consider that British view so misguided as to be farmous. For them the Ger-mans are the main culprits, enjoying the highest prices in the Community and making the largest contributions to official mountains of food zation connected with food the Community and making production without being hit the largest contributions to at point-blank range with a official mountains of food heavy dossier in which dense French farmers are as bitter columns of figures are inters about their government's

columns of figures are inters about their governments persed with a text in the long winded phraseology beloved of their British counterparts are doubt the use of the green about the use of the green pound.

Once the visitor has about the use of the green pound.

There is a subtle difference in emphasis, however. British tions " and "augmentations of farmers complain about being infrastructures" he is ready to unable to compete on equal see French agriculture in the terms with their European raw; and the best place to counterparts in general, while start is the new wholesale food those in France protest at unarker at Rungis on the out-fair advantages enjoyed by skirts, of Paris, which has rep-countries with strong currenskirts of Paris, which has rep countries with strong curren-laced the evocative and cles, mentioning West Ger-cramped old premises at Les many in particular.

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They calculate that to buy a: Recovery has been rapid.

Rungis is built on the scale particular model of tractor though, and the influence of of an airport round a series of from the United States a France in British food markets pavillons where all the French farmer needs to is bound to increase The sheer French farmer needs to produce two thirds as much milk again as his counterpart in West Germany. They are worried that the squeeze on returns has reduced the com-petitive edge of French farming so that each extra unit of producer of cereals, wine and input produces less extra out cuttle and second in the league put than it would in strong for pigs, sheep and horticulcurrency countries like West unal crops. It produces two Germany and Holland. thirds of EEC maize, a third of Germany and Holland.

There is a growing realization

There is a growing realization its sugar and a quarter of its in the country that the lifstraments of EEC policy should be ity to swamp many food marused-to-reform the structure of kets in Britain. French farming and not just to prop it up.

A third of French farm-workers and almost half of the country's farmers are aged 55 or more and as the old men retire they are not all being replaced by young successors. That is bad for the fabric of rural society, but it does mean that the real cost of weeding out the least efficient small farmers and reducing their cost to the guarantee section of the EEC farm fund is fall-

From Rungis, however, the depression of French agricul-ture seems more apparent than

There is little evidence on the 220-hectare site of the fiscal agonies of which militant farming organizations speak. There is enormous strength in French agriculture and the official statistics give ample evidence of sites. evidence of rising prosperity. In 1965, they say, only 27 per cent of those who earned their living on the land had television sets. In 1975 the figure had risen to 88 per cent.

The difference in numbers and political influence between the British and French agricul-tural lobbies is vital to an understanding of their differing strengths in national poli-tics. In Britain the strength which EEC support prices are supposed to give to farmers is ignored or misunderstood by the eating public and circum-vented by ministers, who make the avoidance of food "mountains" a principal feature of their agricultural policies.

To French farmers the rule of the EEC support prices is much simpler and more strongly. based. They see them as agriculture's version of the officially-agreed national minimum wage in industry.

The drought of 1976 damaged French farming severely. In 1963 the country's The drought damaged French food and agricultural imports cost a third more than exports. By 1974 exports were worth a third more than imports, but

is bound to increase. The sheer size of its agriculture is missed in Britain where eyes are still fixed on the America: and Australasia as the great food suppliers of the world. France is the largest EEC,

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with the materials of laughter. Take, for instance, the remark distant relative of the Royce next to investigate manager for All this activity springs production? of Rolls-Royce, who disclaimed any pretensions to a "Rolls-Royce performance", as a largely from the series of reports on investigations due in war, has been closely involved

# RIBA's Eric Lyons: well,

Board, who, it seems, said recently. Senior management should not constantly have to think it is, anyway.

That description he said, might be applied to a speaker who is "well-oiled, almost inaudible and goes on forever Lastly, what of the aside of Sir Hugh Casson, architect and president of the Royal Academy: "That may be all right in practice, but what's it like

planning projects on the basis of estimates which turn out to While most companies are be quite unrealistic."
This quotation is placed quite putting up the shutters for at least a week, that watchdog on their doorsteps, the Price Comappositely alongside another from Lord Goodman, who obmission, will be letting up hardly at all. Chairman Charles served that "We have in this country a system of planning members should be taking home a pile of papers to study

over the holiday. Members will be having their usual weekly meeting next week on Thursday—a day leter than usual—to consider whom

the next few weeks to go to Roy Hattersley, the Prices Secretary, Next Friday the commission's recommendations go in on what to do about the area electricity boards who bumped up domestic quarterly bills recentiv. Unfortunately, the rules will

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not allow that to be rolled back, but the commission should be able to throw some light on the boards' operations and parricularly on how the Central Electricity Generating Eoardon which there is a separate report, just gone in-faces increased fuel costs from sup-Ir could enable the commis-

sion to take a sidelong look at the National Coal Board, which sidestens commission surveillance because it is subject to EEC regulations.

By new year's day the commission has to deliver its thoughts to Hattersley on Barclays Bank's cash transmission charges to some nationalized. industries and on Metal Box's promised price increases.

Half a dozen other reports are due to follow at roughly weekly intervals. Among the companies under the micro-scope are Fisons. United Glass. Tate & Lyle and Ever Ready. British Railways is also getting the Williams treatment. Whither Matt Linning who,

it was announced yesterday, has clected for early retirement and s to step down as British Pet. In the past year Cory has pleum Development's general been to Punta Ala, Stresa, nanager for exploration and venice and Palmero in Italy, as well as to Madeira, wearing either his ECA or his ACE hat. is to sten down as British Pet-roleum Development's general manager for exploration and

in the development of the Forries Field in the North Sea. He is still only 54 and oil industry colleagues say that he is not the sort of man to sit in his Aberdeen home and idly watch the roses grow. A keep fit enthusiast who still plays football for the BP sports

club team, Linning says that he has no immediate plans, but his colleagues say that he still has much to contribute to the He is being replaced in March

by Basil Butler, a former colleague in the Kuwait Oil Company. Butler, who has also had stints in Tripidad, Columbia and Alaska, is now manager of EP's Sullom Voe terminal in-Shetland

For some time to come Nick Cory is going to be one of the most sought after men Europe-at least so far as the business conference trade is concerned. Corv. an assistant secretary

of the Electrical Contractors' Association, has just taken over from Allan Davies of Shell-Mex as chairman of the Association of Conference Executives. This is a body which represents both the people who buy conference facilities for their companies or associations and

ators and conference services people who sell to them. -At ECA, for example, Cory

the airlines, hoteliers, rour oper-

influences where members will meet for their annual confer ence. This year it was at Albe feiro in the Algarve : pext year it will be at Eastbourne, and in 1979, it is likely to be in Italy, possibly at Palermo. ECA members, he says, like to meet and to sleep all under the one roof. So far as the

United Kingdom goes, that means either Brighton, Eastbourne, ord Torquay. In general, the contractors seem to favour one year in this country and the next abroad,

where they can rely on good

weather while they bemoan the failings of government and the iniquities of the trade unions. Each year's conference attracts about 350 people, spending about £45,000 over five days in this country and £80,000 or so abroad. That's just one of the many buyer groups represented in the seven-year-old

Cory says that where his predecessor built up the overseas chapters, so that there are now representatives in about 20 countries, he wants to enrol more buyer-members. ACE, he says, is a market place and there are too many

people in commercial and insti

tutional life who do not know

that the association exists:

Planning is all very well in its Unigate, the dairy, products people, are going a little far at the moment in leaving leaflets on péople's doorsteps which declare: "Christmas, 1978; is only twelve months away! Start savine now!

French farming is still widely believed in Britain to be some-thing practised by old men in clogs who till the fields with

bandry". It reads like a warning to French farmers that they can expect to be patronized by their British counterparts. There is evidence that they have less to fear from the British than the British have to fear from them.

The brochure was published by Britany Ferries, in which most shares are held by members of one of the most aggressive farming coopera-tives in northern France. There are depressed agricultural regions in France with a rural economy that would-seem primitive to British eyes. But in much of the country postwar recovery, helped by EEC policy, has turned agriculture into a fiercely boiling cauldron ready to overflow into the stagnant British con-

produce of land and sea in the greatest food-producing nation in Europe is displayed. in Europe is displayed.

At the centre is an administrative complex, which, among other essential components of an advanced farming economy, contains 25 banks. Finance is the area in which the gulf between British and French

most marked.

Although the idea that West-Germany is the villain of the Common Agricultural Policy-isedvancing in Britain, France still holds the centre of the

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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It seems that, once again, while we allow those who are essentially unqualified to make commercial judgments to pon-

tificate and procrastinate, the Americans are busy developing another winner; Thorium provides an alternate nuclear fuel,

which, as well as conserving uranium, can reduce prolifera-

tion risks and may eventually eliminate the need for plu-

tonium breeder reactors. Yours faithfully,

## Export potential of the LWR nuclear system

From Mr J. G. Plinn size and obviousing the need for Sir, Messrs Dombey and Sur- bulky or expensive moderators. rey's letter (November 25) The enrichment requirements about thermal reactor choice is of AGRs and LWRs have no both generally and specifically significant difference and are misleading. The point is that quite low. reactor choice decisions in the CANDU is hardly credible as United Kingdom have never taken account of the real export situation at all. It was quite evident by 1965, and certain in 1974, that LWRs were

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tem. nermal reactor converter systems using the thorium cycle do not necessarily favour CANDU. As a matter of fact the LWR (PWRI at Shippingport in the United States is being reused as a thoriumfuelled reactor, and has just achieved criticality.

It seems that once again

It may be true that the first one or two reactor pressure, vessels would need to be imported—but there again so was the initial equipment for North Sea oil, and yet we now export it! In any event these export it! In any event these pressure vessels have now become an irem of specialized international trade and are imported by many countries including the United States. Proliferation issues constrain all kinds of nuclear exports at

economics: it enables substan19. Ashfieltial reductions in capital costs
Stonegate,
by allowing a smaller plant Leicester.

#### Why a bridge should be considered as an alternative to a tunnel across the Channel

Professor (December 16) suggests a combination of immersed tunnel and surface-level sections (on

sandbanks) as the permanent link with Europe My own conviction is still that a bridge is the right answer. The engineering probanswer. The engineering prob-lems are now amenable to our post-North Sea oil technology; the land-use of a bridge is smaller; it's English and could be ited nearly anywhere; and its cost is no longer prohibi-

In fact the bridge could well be a commercial proposition, and there is great support for in Europe itself.

PARTING

and there is great support for Sir Jonn Colvine (December 3) in Europe itself.

When you consider that a bridge could cater for road and rail traffic, together with pedestrians and pipelines; and that it would be a marked aid may from one city centre to to navigation in the Channel; and that psychologically a bridge is much more attractive travel (what was it to be with

Two new

standards

By Our Financial Staff

A third, on the imputation

tion of an imputation system in

low on the lines of exposure

drafts previously issued by

SSAP 12—because it was felt that the requirement to depre-

ciate buildings would give a misleading picture for property

Companies.
The English Institute had

asked the ASC to reconsider its proposal to include investment properties within the standard, and this is being

The standard will not need to

be applied to investment pro-perties until January, 1979, otherwise it comes into effect

12 months earlier. During next year ASC intends to review its

attitude to investment proper-

under its new standard—SSAP 13—is to be written off in the

year it is incurred except when

When the expenditure is on a clearly defined project the technical feasibility of which has been thoroughly investigated in the light of market conditions,

then it may be spread over a

The standard is intended to

t meets certain exceptions.

expenditure

ties. Development

number of years.

There was considerable dis-

The two new standards fol-

Ireland.

accounting

less. What is more, you can step building a tunnel and no one notices: how could any government get away with not finishing a bridge once Yours faithfully,

HORACE CUTLER,

The County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

December 19.

From Mr David Pyott Sir, Perhaps a small voice from this side of the Channel may be added to those of your distinguished correspondents Sir John Colville (December

than a tunnel—then to think the help of improved speed on further about tunnels is point-less. What is more, you can step building a tunnel and no step building a tunnel and no granteful for the services provided by the airlines, but for short distances between cities rail links do make more sense if they are good which they can be. All that, however, is selfish, even if I speak on behalf of as many as two or three thousand other passesses are the passes of the pas bensar of as many as two or three thousand other pas-sengers each way per day. More important is the economy (which has never

Harmonizing

with Europe

From Mr H. G. Pigott

Sir, The British businessman

with European connexions

suffers the perennial inconven-

ience along with travel agents,

airlines, civil servants, road

haulage contractors and politi-

cians trying to communicate

with their European counter-

parts by telephone or telex, of

British time nearly always

being different to most other

Even when the United King-

different time phases in a year between the United Kingdom

and the rest of Europe—two of which are one hour behind, and two are identical time for

a few days each in spring and

step with since Sunday, october 23, is Portugal—and they changed their clocks on September 25.

If the country is trying to

conserve energy, should we not get up early and utilise the

maximum amount of the day

maximum amount of the day by extending the daylight as much as possible?

Perhaps the EEC could organize a European Time Convention to sort out Euro-pean times once and for all. Yours faithfully, H. G. PIGOTT, European Businessman,

The only country we are in

West European countries.

economy (which has never been properly calculated for public consumption) in many other ways from the freight movements going by rail rather than by road. The kindest thing to say about the United Kingdom Government's negative attitude is that it was appallingly short-eighted and certainly ought to be reviewed without further delays.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PYOTT, DAVID PYOTT,

#### Business appointments FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

#### New board members at Dunlop **Holdings**

Mr A. Lord and Mr P. Shel-bourne are to join the board of bunlop Holdings from January 1, Mr Lord as an executive. Sir Eric Norris, until recently
British High Commissioner in
Malaysia, and Mr Peter Baring, a
managing director of Baring
Brothers, will be joining the board
of Incheape on January 1, Mr G.
G. D. Carter will be retiring from
the hoard

Mr W. A. L. Manson is to be made president of BP North America Inc on April 30 in place of Mr C. P. King. Mr Manson will give up his directorship of BP Trading and membership of its dom changes the clocks it is not on the same day as other countries, so there are four take up a new post. Mr P. J.
Gillam will join the board of BP
Trading and its executive committee from April 1.
Sir Ronald McIntosh is to go on the board of London and Manches-ter Assurance from January 1.

fer Assurance from January 1.

Mr Ivan Hill, chairman of Mingworth, Morris, has relinquished his chairmanships and directorships of all group subsidiary companies. Mr J. L. Hopkinson has been made group finance director and a director of Salts (Saltaire). Mr D. Hanson has given up the deputy chairmanship of Hingworth, Morris and become chairman of Woolcombers (Holdings). Mr P. Hardy is to be chairman of Winterbotham, Strachan & Playne, and of Joshua Hoyle & Sons. Mr J. D. P. Tamer has been made chairman of Salts (Saltaire) and S. Schnelders & Son and a director of Woolcombers (Holdings).

Mr. R. H. Malyan will, from

and a director or woolcomoers (Holdings).

Mr. R. H. Malyan will, from January I, be chairman of Bristol-Myers and regional director for the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, in addition to his post as regional director for Italy, Greece, Turkey and Switzerland. Mr C. J. Jones, whom he succeeds as chairman and who has been regional director for the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Scandinavia and East and West Africa, is to become general manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa with the new Clairol appliance division international organization.

Mr David Dobbie is to succeed Mr. D. W. Stride as managing director of Commercial Bank of Australia from July 1.

director of Commercial Bank of Australia from July 1.

Mr J. W. B. Baddeley has been made director of finance of the international division of Spillers from January 3.

Mr J. M. W. Bosworth, Mr N. D. Fitzpatrick and Mr J. J. McLachlan have become directors of Edinburgh and Dundee Juvestment. Mr High McMichael, Mr H. F. Cameron, Mr R. J. Henderson, Mr G. M. Murray and Mr J. M. Weir have resigned.

Mr W. A. Chisolm has joined the board of Hardstock.

Mr Peter Carruthers is made a director of Clarkson, Tiley & Hargreeves.

Mr Hugh Palin, director of marketing and export at Skoda (Great Britain), has been elected president of the Motor Cycle Association of Great Britain.

Mr Leonard Barnfather is rejoining the board of Queens Moat Houses as director in charge of operations

## Manufacturing companies will take an extended holiday of 10 to 14 days

By Our Industrial Staff
British manufacturing companies, almost without exception, will tonight begin an extended Christmas and new year holiday. This will last at least 10 days and in a few cases Two new accounting stan-dards were issued yesterday by the Accounting Standards Committee, the profession's ruleas long as a fortnight.
The long break has in many making body, covering depre-ciation of fixed assets and reinstances been negotiated with workers and includes some holisearch and development spend-

day left over from annual envirlements. tax system, which was issued in 1974, has been modified to take account of the introduc-But some employers, fearing high absenteeism in Christmas week and rejuctant to start up sension over the proposed standard on depreciation-

By Peter Hill

week and reluctant to start up plant for only three days, are giving employees extra time off. According to the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, most factories in the south east will be shut down next week. Some companies, like Ford, United Biscuits and Tate & Lyle, will resume work on January 2 and are incorporating the new year bank holiday in the Christmas holiday. CAV, the Lucas subsidiary, representatives have reached agreement with managements to bring this forward, couple it with odd. "floating days now available under national and company agreements, and turn unbroken holiday. This pattern will be followed in all of the main British Leyland and other car plants in the Midlands.

The exception within British Leyland is at Cowley, Oxford,

Final agreement on the con-roversial £115m Anglo-Polish shipbuilding deal is expected to be signed early next month after a round of talks in Poland between top officials of British

Shipbuilders and Polish state

agencies.

Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Shipbuilders, returned to London from Poliod early yesterday after three days of discussions with Polish government officials and receiving of PZM the Polish

executives of PZM, the Polish

state shipping company.

A number of technical issues

concerning specification of marine equipment were dealt with in the talks and officials of British Shipbuilders were

Final agreement on ships

deal expected next month

stopped work last night and will not restart until January 4.

Commercial workers, those in banks and insurance offices, will be back at their desks next Wednesday.

where the 16,000 workforce will stop tonight, go back for two days on Thursday and Friday next week, and then take a three-day break over the new year weekend, including Monday.

Car industry plants and engineering firms in the Midlands are generally following an agreed pattern. They will finish work this evening and reopen on the morning of Mon-

day, January 2.

Although January 2 is a public holiday, many shopfloor representatives have reached

Still unresolved is the alloca-tion of four of the seven 16,500 tons deadweight ships which

were to have been built by

Three have been allocated to

other yards—one to Govan and two to Smith's Dock on Teesside

-because of the continuing ban

on overtime by outfitting workers at Swan Hunter in sup-port of a demand for pay parity

boilermakers at the vard

Earlier this week the outfit-

ting workers were awarded a £5.40 a week increase by the Central Arbitration Committee

backdated to the beginning of last month. The men are claim-

The 1,700 outlitting workers will consider the award when

they return after the Christmas

ing a £7 a week increase.

Swan Hunter on Tyneside.

day.

A spokesman for the North-West Engineering Employers Association said: Under existing agreements Monday, January 2 is an official holiday. "Although some firms may well have made their own arrangements to incorporate this in the Christmas week there is no industry-wide agreement to do so.

"The other point that should be borne in mind is that as a result of national agreements in engineering there are a number of spare days available and in many firms it has become the

no do. Some cash seeking com-panies have their best years behind them, and simply ask for money because profits are too small to pay for expansion. Netting and cordage maker Netting and cordage maker Bridport-Gundry has just raised \$472,000 through a rights issue, a move that allowed the group to hoist the gross dividend at a stroke from 1.92p to 3.18p. That, however, is hardly likely to become an annual event. So the trend of earning power over the many firms it has become the practice to use these as holidays The textile industry in Lanca-shire is likely to follow the general pattern of closing for Christmas week years is important.

#### UK car output down 2pc over 11 months

By Edward Townsend Car production in the United Kingdom dropped by 2 per cent in the first 11 months of the year to 1.197,700 from just over 1.2m for the same period of 1976, according to revised figures issued yesterday by the Department of Industry.

Last month, output was down by 6 per cent on a year earlier to 113,748 but was even lower, at 104,000, when seasonal factors are taken into account. In the 11 months the rate of car output for export rose by 4 per cent while that for the home

narket declined by 3 per cent Production of commercial 11 per cent on a year earlier to 29,789 although in the 11 months output was up by 4 per cent to 351,845.

# Trading thin but prices firm

the holiday break brought little action and a poor attendance with many dealers conspicuous

Stock-markets

by their absence from the trading floor.
What little business there was mainly centred on takeover and speculative stocks with a continuing interest in the distillers. after EEC ruling against the Distillers Company's pricing

But most prices managed to hold their ground in spite of Index closed 1.6 up at 481.6, just below its best level of the

structure.

Up 5p to 68p this neck Bejam has seen a good neo-may trade. Dealers say the group's growth-potential is always an attraction but there are also marmarings of takeover interest. Imperial Group; -thought to be anxious to strengthen its requiling, seems a logical suitur to many.

In the gilt-edged market a feature was the over-subscrip-tion of the new £800m long ing out a replacement stock in the new future. Elsewhere the weakness of the pound against the dollar led profits to be taken after recent good gains and by the end most stocks were lower by between one-eighth and three-eighths across

The terms worth 100p from a subsidiary of Antony Gibbs had A. J. Mills 22p up to 97p after a brief suspension but second thoughts about the prospect of a full American takeover had Wilkinson Match 10p down at

to 189p. De Vere Hotels which rose 6p to 159p, Leigh Interests, where continued interest was good for another 11p to 187p, and Gestetner "A", up 7p to 162p.

Planned legal moves over a television programme lowered Tate & Lyle 4p to 200p while in stores recovery hopes and some speculative interest had Burton "A" 5p to the good at 114p. The f3m rights issue lowered Muirbead a couple of pence to 198p but comment was good for a gain of 11p to 110p in the "A" shares of ATV.

In buildings there was rather more activity than in the mar-ket in general. After bullish comments from the chairman, Costain rose 8n to 265p, SGB gained 4p to 144p, International Timber 6p to 117p on comment, Tarmac, depressed of late, re-couped 3p to 138p and the ever speculative, Marchwiel, ended 12p to the good at 258p.

On the electrical pitch Thorn, up 8p to 388p, continued to find support in front of figures and 5p rises were recorded by Wm Baird at 162p and Decca at 465p. Similarly favoured in engineerings were Davy International at 245p a gain of 7p, Tube Investments which rose 7p to 364p and Spear & Jackson to 364p and Spear & Jackson which managed to recoup a couple of pence at 122p from the hefty loss of the previous

the domestic market other issues went ahead notably A. Bell 2p to 232p, Tomatin 5p to 196p, and invergorden in to 99p. Distillers themselves ended 6p to the good at 175p.

helped oil shares to move ahead Tricentrol three points better at 179p on further consideration the previous day's results. Satisfaction with carlier figures had Sotheby's 3p better at 208p, and Charter Trust ended unmoved at 551p after its statement. But Crelion slumped 111p to 27p after a disappoint-

ing statement.

Selective interest in property shares, fell on Great Portland which gained 6p to 314p and Stock Conversion where the closing gain was 4p to 254p. Foreign banks featured Hongkong & Shanghai which ended with a rise of 6p to 284p, and ANZ Group where the rise was 5p to 265p. The domestic sp to 235. The comesnic clearers, however, were not so strong with two pence rises from Barclays at 335p. Lloyds 285p, National Westminster 285p and Midland 385p.

Two television issues Granada A" 7p to 97p and Scottish TV A" 4p to 58p met with support while back in financials R. P. Martin was good for a R. P. Martin was good for a gain of 4p to 71p. There was a mixed showing

speculation about takeover possibilities lifted Newman Granger 2p to 37p while news of an Iranian stake had Taibex a couple of points firmer at 15p. The terms worth 100p from = subsidiary of the stake had Taibex a subsidiary of the s from the industrial leaders with Rank 4p to 245p, Glaxo 3p to 590p and Fisons 2p to

After hours trade was very slack indeed as many dealers made an early start to the

Both eilthedged stocks and the big name leaders stayed put but Camford Engineering strengthened a few pence after profits which were much to the market's liking.

After several days of weakness on a bearish brokers' circular Gesteiner is recovering well. A week ago the "A" shares were around 150p. Yesterday they were 162p, a rise of 7p. There were jears that in January Gesteiner would report gloomily . on the year to October 31 last, with profits working out at no nore than £26.5m against £24.2m in 1975-76. But recent huvers, fortified by thoughts of price rises and good business expect the group to report profits of up to £30m.

the effects of the EEC Distillers decision continued to boost kindred shares which were also helped by further talk of rationalization within the industry. Most of them managed to firm another penny or two con-solidating good earlier gains. Equity turnover on December 21 was £59.53m (10.754 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yester-day were Thorn, Distillers, BAT Dfd. EP. ICI, Ladbroke, Recd International, Wilkinson Match, Shell and Burclays Bank.

G. Nathaniel

for A J Mills

The shares in A. J. Mills, the

Gibbs Nathaniel, a subsidiary

food importer and distributor, were temporarily suspended yesterday before the announcement of an agreed bid from Gibbs Nathaniel.

bids 100p

By Michael Clark

The terms worth 100p from a		Late	or resums	
subsidiary of Antony Gibbs had	Company Sales	Profits	Earnings	1
A. J. Mills 22p up to 97p after	Int ca Fin fm	. Em	per since	7
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a brief suspension but second	Bond St Fores (F) 9.3(8.9)	0.44(0.27)	—(—ı	1.8
thoughts about the prospect of	Camford Eng. (F). 25.0(18.0)	1.6(1.2)	9.61(7.35)	2.2
a full American takeover had		1.6(1.4)	<del>()</del>	1.4
Wilkinson Match 10p down at.	Crellon Hidgs (1) 7.6(8.2)	0.G05(0.18)	—(—)	—(
203p.	Wallis Fashion (I) 6.4(4.7)	0.05(0.08)	()	1.0
	Dividends in this table are shown	net of tax on	pence per share.	Elsc
Other stocks to show strength,	are shown on a gross basis. To	establish gross	multiply the nat	divi
much of it speculative, were	pre-tax and earnings are net. a F	or seven month	ns.	

- - (0.7) 21 4 2.6(1.75) - 3.5(3.3) 10 3 11/2

## Muirhead asks holders for £3m and offers 36 pc dividend boost

electronics group.

ared with 5.6p.

But the dividend boost was levels of stock and work in not enough for the market yes terday. The shares closed 2p easier at 198p, having touched say the directors.

**Bridport's** 

impressive

Government curbs and divi-

dend loopholes aside, it still pays shareholders who are asked

to put up money to ask them-selves whether it is a good thing

In the four years to July 31 sales went ahead by around 90 per cent to £9.15m. But in the same four years pre-tax profits rose by a useful but less exciting 47 per cent to £851,000.

It could be that Bridport will

It could be that Bridgort will keep pressure on margins at bay this year. But it has spent this year and last (when profits fell for the second year running) solving problems, and thereby boosting profits.

Mr Robert Holder, chairman (he recently retired from the chair at Fairey) does say in the latest accounts that Bridgort has "considerable potential for expansion".

But he adds " we are looking

for progress against the back

sion in the textile industry'

**Hampton Trust** 

about 1930,000 over the same period. The board is considering

measures

still making

scope

215p. Some
The money is needed to be used finance higher working capital caiptal requirements, re-equip existing Some E plant and take advantage of last money.

By Alison Mitchell opportunities for expanding ments totalling around £800,000

A £3m cash call, but not a through acquisition. As yet, are anticipated for this year. Christmas box of goodies, is coming the way of shareholders the horizon, director Mr D. ing high precision machine finf Muirhead, the electrical and electronics group. Buchanan reports. Since the early 1970s group

electronics group.

The directors are asking for the money with a one-for-three rights issue at 158p, and are adding a seasonal sweemer in Equipment and Integrated the form of a 36 per cent jump in the dividend next year:

Treasury permission has been given for a total of 7.57p compared with 5 per compared to finance under the Muirhead umbrella and considerable further growth in the dividend next year:

Treasury permission has been given for a total of 7.57p compared to finance higher the higher the finance higher the higher the higher the higher the higher the higher the high is expected. The consequent requirement to finance higher

recently gave the go shead to a new factory in Paris costing around 3m francs (5330,000).

Some of themoney will also be used to finance a major caiptal spending programme. Some £375,000 was authorized last month and further commit. 6.6 per cent at £17.6m.

In addition, the directors

Muirhead order books are at an all-time record according to Sir Raymond Brown, chairman. Orders are now double those at the end of last year and provided stable economic con-ditions prevail, turnover and

six months rose from £1.4m to House building and plant hire E1.7m.

The construction and plant
The construction and plant

year the group turned in pre-tax profits of f92,000 against £179,000 for the seven months to June 30, 1976. The previous year's results included a profits contribution of £24,000 from the

The construction and plant bire sides did show some growth in the period. But the group was held back by poor trading in steel.

However improved results are expected for the second half year, Allied will benefit from reduced financial charges. The

reduced financial charges. proceeds of the Reynards sale and the disposal of a block of flats for £180,000, have reduced bank borrowings from £950,000 to around £490,000.

contribution of £24,000 from the now sold Reynards (Excavations) and the £54,000 pre-acquisition profits of J. Pickup. Stripping this out, the profit of the two periods were about the same, according to director Mr W. M. Law. Turnover in the again interim dividend of 0.46p.

£877,000.

The group says it has been hit by unfair competition from the British remporary employment subsidy.

The new policy of Debenhams to fund its property developments by sale and lease-

back operations has been put into effect. Arrangements have

been completed with Legal &

General Assurance (Pensions Management) for the sales and

leaseback of department stores in Bristol, Gloucester, Plymouth and Worcester. The total sum

involved is over £19m providing an initial yield of about 7 per

Messina (Transvaal) Develop-

ment may pass its interim divi-

dend unless there is some im-

provement in the next few months, Mr H. F. P. Grenfell.

chairman, says in the annual re-port. The group cut its final

dividend for last year.

Mr Grenfell says that with

the low copper price, the level of the South African economy

and the situation in Rhodesia,

mistic conclusion

Messina may miss

interim payment -

Debenhams deal

raises £19m

## **Associated Portland may** soon bid for rest of BCA

Minority shareholders in BCA, a sand and gravel producer which is 77 per cent controlled by Associated Portland Cement, may be given a way out. Talks are on which could result in a bid by Associated for the rest of the group "with a view to the full integration of BCA"—the former Blue Circle Aggregates.

group Seafield Gentex turns in a heavier pre-tax loss. On sales up from £15.2m, the pre-tax deficit increased from £366,000 to £499,000. Debiting extraordinary items of £597,000 against £34,000, the attributable deficit bounds from £191,000 to £877,000.

The group Seafield Gentex turns in a heavier pre-tax loss. On sales up from £15.2m, the pre-tax deficit increased from £266,000 to £499,000. Debiting extraordinary items of £597,000 to £877,000.

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Aberdeen Univ Press

Abardeen University Press. A price "in the high six figures", is being discussed. A separate cash offer would be made to loan stock holders.

Mr Maxwell wants the com-

pany because Pergamon is publishing meauals for the off-shore oil industry and needs production capacity in Aberdeen. He would expect to double the staff at AUP in the next two to three years, and also plans to publish text books for

Subsidy unfair claims Seafield in loss

Withholding a preference dividend for the year to end-September, Cork-based textile

Circle Aggregates.

visers County Bank and Lazard Bros. At the suspension price of 53p, a bid for the balance of the shares would involve over £600,000.

## of Antony Gibbs, the merchant banking and timber group, has bought 1.34 million ordinary shares in Mills at 80p a share. This is 39.1 per cent of the ordinary capital. Gibbs Nathprofit in the current year should show a substantially larger growth, he told shareholders. In the year to September 30 loop for every share in Mills.

This values Mills, owned by Matthews Holdings, itself a subsidiary of Thomas Borthwick, at about £3.4m. On restoration of the listing yesterday the shares leapt 22p to 97p. In addition to the cash offer, shareholders in Mills will be entitled to a special interim dividend of 2.6p gross. This is equal to the final dividend which the board would have recommended in the absence of

The board of A. J. Mills consider the terms of the offer to be fair and reasonable. They intend to accept in respect of 141,000 shares which represents 4.1 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital and will be recommending the offer to all other shareholders. Gibbs Nathaniel also intends

time for the cumulative preference shares of Mills. An announcement of the terms will be made in due course. The principal activities of Gibbs Natheniel include com-

plementary activities

Upon the offer becoming unconditional, Mr Alan J. Mills
and Mr S. Allen will be invited
to join the board of Gibbs
Nathaniel.

#### Briefly

#### Britannia is to keep Sekers stake

Britannia Arrow has changed its mind about selling its 20 per cent stake in Sekers International. In July Mr George Miller, a former Sekers director, agreed to buy the stake from what was then called Slaves Walker Securi Slater Walker Securities. But it was not his intention to bid for the remaining shares. Now Britannia says that the

sale has not been completed and it is going to keep the shareholding. It has also told the Sekers board that it fully supports it.

NORWAY'S YEN BOND
Government of Norway plans
to issue a yen-denominated bond
in the Japanese capital market,
Daiwa Securities says. Details have
not been determined.—Reuter.

LENNON BROS In formal offer document, it is stated that irrevocable under-takings to accept offer have been given for 138,097 (46.03 per cent) of shares.

ASSOC BRITISH FOODS Agreement has been reached with the board of Melias for ABF to offer 220p cash a share for outstanding 37,454 shares of Melias 4.14 per cent which they do not already own.

HENRY WIGFALL & SON United Dominions Trust has disposed of its bolding of 1.3m shares (25.5 per cent). Board of Wigfalls was informed but was not in any way involved in disposal.

#### guard against reporting profits in excess of real earnings because the research spending able to provide details on the may fail to pay off the expected benefits. Italy provides £240m to pay Christmas wages

From John Earle Rome, Dec 22 The Italian Government has decided to make an emergency

from the sectors most affected chemical, metalworking and food—to work out which companies and firms should be aided, and with how much. A trade union representative said eneficiaries would include diately by the banking system.
Contefibre of the Montedison This emergency action under-Chemical Group, the Ottana lines the gravity of the mount-

Total Control

allocation of 400,000m lire the motta and Alemagna contect to many group).

Italisider, the big steel producer in the state-owned IRI group, is also undergoing difficulties, but it is reported to be receiving stopgap financing from the banking system.

As soon as the conditions of this eleventh hour aid injection have been drawn up by Signor have been drawn up by Signor a head.

Donat Cattin and the union leaders, the cabinet is expected to approve a decree, enabling this teenth the Treasury to underwrite funds to be advanced imme-

Fibres complex in Sardinia, Societa Italiana Resine, Liquigas Liquichimica, the Maraidi steelworks and Unidal (formerly the Motta and Alemagna confectionary group).

The Motta and Alemagna confectionary group). private industrialists con-federation Confindustria, have called attention to the need for

> By law, salaried and wage earning Italians receive a "thirteenth month" bonus at Christmas in addition to their

as well as the public sector—a move which would justify the a strategy to overcome the strategical of growing com-pany indebtedness. Now, in the canonization of a new saint in John Nepomucene Neumann, the 19th-century Bishop absence of government polities, Philadelphia.
these difficulties are coming to He denounced terrorism,

the highest economic develop-He called respect of human December remuneration.

The folly of the government's with the higher interests of a inaction in allowing firms to peaceful human coexistence."

pre-tax losses A fall in pre-tax losses from £58,000 to £10,000 is reported by Hampton Trust, the investment group, for the six months to September 30. Turnover which represents sales by the group's residential development subsidiary have dropped from £174,000 to £91,000. There has been an increase in the group's been an increase in the group's net assets from £450,000 to

strengthen the group's net assers although it is now in a stronger financial position than it has been since 1973. The board now looks forward to abortion and child pornography, which, he said, "is unfortunately further progress in 1978. the heritage of the peoples with

Virtually all the group's trad-ing loss for the period occurred in the Cherryfields residential development at Stone. However, since September 30, the group has sold a further five houses bringin gihe total to 11.

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## Allied Plant marks time in first half

By Our Financial Staff group Allied Plant had to run hard in the first half of this year just to stand still. Although cushioned by a wide spread of interests it did not escape entirely from recession. In the first six months of this

The shares of BCA have been suspended while the two parties talk with their ad-

Pergamon may bid for

Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press has approached Spey Investments with an offer for

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## International World slump no bar to Sony's

Progress
Sony Corporation, the Japanese electronics giant—says that its consolidated ner income in the year ended October 21 rose by 12.9 per cent to a record 24,600m yen (about £72.8m). Sales also increased to a new high. They climbed by 9.2 per cent to 506,000m yen from 463,500m yen in 1976.

The parent company's net income rose by 16.8 per cent to 24,600m yen from 21,000m yen. Sales rose by 12.7 per cent to 391,900m yen against 347,900m

yen.

The group said that: "sluggish economic activity throughout the industrial world during 1977, as well as inflation and currency adjustments affected every segment of Sony's business."

A good part of the increase in net income came from a rise

in net income came from a rise in equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates to 3,500m yea from 2,100m yen a year ago.—AP-Dow Jones.

#### PICA stake in Anpa

Private Investment Company for Asia (PICA) SA has required a 40 per cent interest in P. T. Anna International of Indonesia in exchange for loaning P. T. Anna SM8m (about 11.8m). The six-and-a-half year loan has an interest rate of 2.75 per cent above the sixmonth Singapore Interbank offered rate.

P. T. Anna will now be owned 40 per cent by Pabema Group of the Netherlands and 20 per cent by Annara News Agency's sister

Netherlands and 20 per cent by Antara News Agency's sister company. P. T. Anta Kencana Vitama Estates. The loan is being provided by First National Bank in Dallas; Pierson, Heldring and Pierson NV, Singapore International Merchant Bankers Ltd. Chartered Merchant Fankers Ltd; and Girard Zurich AC. It will be used to construct AG. It will be used to construct a 5M16.7m office building in Jakarta expected to be ready by late 1979.

#### Montefibre's problems

Montefibre Spa, of Milau, the loss-making synthetic fibres subsidiary of Montedison Spa, is to discuss with shareholders the company's severe financial and operational problems and operational problems and measures to overcome them. In the past few months the company has repeatedly stated that it needs to close down loss-making factories and make about 6,000 workers redundant. A Montedison board meeting has approved management proposals for measures to improve operating efficiency and cut costs, according to a communique issued after a meeting which gave no details of the which gave no details of the proposals.

#### Pacific Telephone

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company says that the improved fourth quarter and 12 month earnings reported earlier are uncertain due to continuing regulatory and legal problems. Among the uncertainties cited are huge rate refunds ordered last September by the California Public Utilities Commission.

#### Westralian Sands

Mr Al Keats, the chairman of Westralian Sands, of Perth, western Australia, says that he does not believe financial bene-fits from recent moves affect-ing the company will be suffi-cient for a return to dividends cient for a return to dividends this year. However, he said, the outlook for 1978-79 is more promising and hopefully the company will then return to profit. The company made a net operating loss of A\$489,000 (about £287,600) and an extraordinary loss of A\$402,000 in year ended June 30.

Increasing costs and tight market conditions will continue to affect all mineral sauds pro-

to affect all mineral souds producers, and prospects for the current year are not good, Mr Keats said.

#### Bank Base Rates

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## **Commodities**



#### Foreign Exchange

The dollar rose sharply against all major currencies yesterday following President Carter's policy speech. Sterling fell 2.95 cents to close at \$1.8550, thereby giving up all, and more, of its gain over the previous three days this week. The effective exchange rate index fell 0.4 to 64.0.

Desiers said it was too early yet to tell if President Carter's statement, in which he insisted the dollar was "fundamentally sound", will have any real effect. However, many believed the dollar will remain under pressure when rading begins in earnest again in the new year.

Markets were extremely thin throughout with the dollar rising largely on "hot eir" as one dealer described it.

Gold fell \$0.50 to close in London at \$159.875.

## Spot Position



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# Gold

Discount market The shortage of funds in the discount market yesterday was largely the result of the new "tap" stock issue. The guessing is that the oversubscription was approaching two times. Without this, the market might have got by without help.

In the event, however, the Bank of England provided assistance by moderate purchases of Treasury bilks and small amounts of local authority bilks. In addition, the Bank lent a moderate sum to one or two bouses overnight at MLR (7 per cent). The total assistance was classified as large.

Some clearing banks were callers, but the overall position appeared to be mixed. Houses had

## to bid up to 7 per cent for money in the morning, but they made progress on this basis, and con-tioued to edge forward in the afternoon. After the assistance from the authorities, rates dropped The help was probably rather underdone on this occasion, so that bank balances seemed likely to be going through to today in a stightly run-down state. Money Market Rates of England Minimum Leading Bate 7% Last changed 28/11/77 Clearing Banks Base Rate 68-74/6 Discount Mkt.Leanege Light High 7 week Fixed: 68-679

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#### Wall Street

New York, Dec 22.—The New York Stock Exchange advanced forcefully. but profit-taking eroded early stock gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 7.8 points at 821.81. Some 950 issues agained with about 550 lower, with volume at 28,100,000 shares.

Brokers said the sharp early advance was assisted strongly by a recovery in the dollar.

Analysts added that huying yesterday and today was also encouraged by an Opec impasse on raising oil prices that amounts to a responsery fearse.

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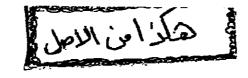
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YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES SOCIEDAD DEL ESTADO REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

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**PUBLIC TENDER** 

NUMBER 05-1/77

Buying of Four New Tank Vessels, Unused,

to Transport Crude Oil

DEADWEIGHT: 30.000 TO 35.000 TONNES APPROXIMATELY

DRAUGHT MOULDED DESIGN: 36 FEET PLUS-MINUS 2 FEET.

**BREADTH MOULDED MAXIMUM: 30 METRES** 

**LENGTH OVERALL MAXIMUM: 215 METRES** 

Tender will be opened on January 18, 1978, at 14.30 p.m. local time, in our

headquarters, sited in Avenue Roque Saenz Pena 777 (13th Floor), Buenos

Aires, Argentina and simultaneously in our commercial and technical office in Houston (Texas) Richmond Building, Suite 710, 3616 Richmond Avenue—Houston, Texas (U.S.A.) at 11.30 a.m. local time.

All questions and the selling must be made in the above mentioned in

Offers for this tender will be received up to January 17, 1978 at 3.30 p.m.

## Property developers' tax avoidance scheme fails

Anysz v Inland Revenue Commissioners

2219. The unpaid premium carried interest at current market rates. Manolescue v IRC

Before Mr Justice BrowneWilkinson

[Judgment delivered December 21]

A series of property and company stare exchange transactions with were deliberately artificial derices of great complexity carried derices of great complexity carried out for the sole object of anythin of the property in connexion with the payment of the same scheme. Accordingly circumstance in hold reversion of the property is satisfied.

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being obtained in tax advantages being obtained in consequence of a transaction in securities and thus enabled the Crown to counteract such advantages under the provisions of sections 460 and 461 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act. 1970. His Lordship so held in dis-missing appeals by the taxpayers, Mr Simon Anysz and Mr Victor Manolescue, from decisions of special commissioners that notices

issued to them under section 460 (3) were valid. The assessments to income tax and surtax for 1970-71, based on the sums of 5431,300 and £22,700 respectively,

were also confirmed.

The scheme involved a widely used "off-the-peg" tax avoidance scheme that involves in total many millions of pounds and was purchased by the taxpayers from specialist tax advisers. Mr C. N. Bestitle, QC, and Mr D. C. Potter, QC, for the tax-payers; Mr J. E. Vinelott, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the

payers; har J. E. Vinienit, Quipayers; and Mr Brian Davenport for the
Crown.

HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved
judgment said that the question
was whether the taxpayers had
obtained tax advantages in consequence of a transaction in securities and thus enabling the Crown
to counteract such advantage
junder the tax avoidance provisions
of sections 460 and 461.

Section 461 set out in broad
terms circumstances one or other
of which had to be satisfied
before section 460 could operate.
Once section 461 had been satisfied, then if in consequence of a
transaction in securities a taxpayer was in a position to obtain
or had obtained a tax advantage,
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such advantage by making an

There had undoubtedly here there has unboncerry here been a transaction in securities; the questions which did arise were (a) whether the case fell within any of the section 461 circumstances, and if so (b) whether the taxpayers had obtained a tax advantage in consequence of the transaction in securities. saction in securities The expayers owned the share capital of K Ltd, which in 1970 had acquired a property at Bootle for development at an envisaged profit of £500,000. So as to indimize tax, K Ltd entered into the control transactions of the property transactions. property transactions: It granted to P Ltd, a property company, a six-vear renewable lease of the six-year renewable lease of the property at full market rent for the purpose of attempting to avoid betterment levy. K Ltd then agreed betterment levy. K Ltd then agreed with K Developments Ltd (also wholly owned by the taxpayers) for the development of the property by K Developments for \$719,500. At the same time K Ltd granted a 250-year lease to M Ltd at an agreed premium of \$1.309,535 that was to be pald at the rate of \$100 a year for 249 years with the balance of \$1,284,635 to fell due in the year

lopments should purchase the free-hold reversion of the property from K Ltd for £1,000 and the leasehold interest from M Ltd for £1,310,535 (but retaining the benefit of M Ltd's debt for the outstanding premium). Thereafter P Ltd immediately surrendered its lease for £1,000 and K Ltd sold the benefit of M Ltd's outstanding debt to an investment company for full value.

payable in 250 years' time.

scheme's effectiveness must have existed because the parties negotiated further transactions, namely the share transactions by which the taxpayers exchanged all their shares in K Ltd for the whole issued share capital of P Ltd. In consequence, P Ltd opened a share premium account of £456,540. K Ltd, having previously elected under section 256(1) and (2) not to pay income tax on dividends to pay income tax on dividends paid by it to P Ltd, declared and paid a dividend of £454,000 to P Ltd. That sum was then lent by P Ltd to K Developments.

special commissioners.

If the taxpayers "in connexion with the distribution of profits of a company", received or had received an abnormal amount by way of dividend, then the circumstances that were set out in section 461D were satisfied and section 460 could be brought into play. For the taxpayers it was accepted that the payment of the dividend by K Ltd to P Ltd was a distribution of profits to a relevant company, and that the taxpayers received P Ltd's shares (representing assets available for distribution by way of dividend) in a non-taxable form.

The sole issue on circumstance

Following a Treasury warning in 1971, Section 81 of the Finance Act, 1972, made corporation tax payable on unpaid premiums. But because of K Ltd's distribution of virtually all its assets to P Ltd, it had become unable to meet its liability to pay any tax at all. It was in those circumstances that

## Claim against husband's property registrable

Whittingham v Whittingham and Another Before Mr Justice Ealcombe [Judgment delivered December 21] Section 24 of the Marrinonial Causes Act, 1973, or under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act, 1882, against property owned by the husband but which has never been the marrimonial home should register the claim as a pending land action under sec-tion 5(1)(a) of the Land Charges

Act, 1972.

Mr Justice Balcombe, allowing an appeal by National Westminster Bank Ltd from a decision of Mr Registrar Parmiter setting aside the bank's legal charge secured on a house in Alma Vale Road, Clifton, Bristol, said that registation of such a claim would afford effective protection for the wife against any future disposition by a husband.

a husband.
Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, and Mr
Quentia Iwi for the bank; Mr
Roderick L. Denyer for the wife,
Mrs Elizabeth Marie Whittingham

Mrs Elizabeth Marie Whittingham (now known by her maiden name of Barat), of Henleuze Road. Bristol.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the property in Clifton was divided into flats and the former wife and the children of the marriage had occupied one. After the divorce the husband had remarried in February, 1971, and in July. 1971, the wife applied for a transfer of property order in respect of the flat. In 1974 she applied for an order under the Married Women's Property ACL.

order under the Married Women's Property Act.

In December, 1971, an order was made by consent that a Class F land charge, which had been registered against the property, be vacated, but it had not been vacated, in June, 1974, the husband executed a legal charge over the property in favour of the bank and gave a guarantee to the bank and gave a guarantee to the bank of up to £10,000 to cover the indebtedness of a company of which he was a director.

On the wife's application for a transfer of property order and under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act the registrar ordered that the busband should transfer the property to himself and the wife as trustees for sale as tenants in common. He further declared that the parties

for Sale as tenants in consumer structure declared that the parties should hold the not proceeds of sale as to one half for the wife after the discharge of the existing mortgage to a building society but prior to the discharge of any unbecoment mortgages or charges. subsequent mortgages or charges, and as to the balance. If any, after the discharge of subsequent

the wife-applied in May, 1977, to set aside the legal clarge. The registrar gave judgment in her favour and beld that the bank. did not act in good faith because it had wiffully shut its eyes to the occupants of the property the occupants of the property when it should have investigated whether they had rights. The real issue was whether a transaction was a "reviewable disposition" under section 37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act. Section 37(4) provided that any disposition made by a party to proceedings for financial relief (which included transfer of property) was included transfer of property) was a reviewable disposition unless it was made for valuable consideration to a person who, at the time of the disposition, acted in relation to it in good faith and without notice of any intention on the part of the other party to defeat the applicant's claim for ancillary relief

relief.

Clearly there was valuable consideration. Mr Denver had conceded that the bank had acted houestly and there was no tack of good faith by the bank. There was no doubt that the husband, in making the legal charge, had the intention of defeating the wife's claim for financial relief.

was in those circumstances that the notices were issued to the tax-payers under section 460(3) and consequential assessments to income tax and surtax made on them. Their appeals against both the notices and the assessments were subsequently rejected by the special commissioners.

In a non-taxable form.

The sole issue on circumstance.

D was whether the receipt by the taxpayers of the shares was "in connexion with" the payment by K Ltd of the dividend to P Ltd. The special commissioners found that there was such a connexion, it being the share exchange that had enabled K Ltd to distribute

# Did the bank have porice of the

of Another efore Mr Justice Balcombe judgment delivered December 21]

A wife baving a claim under of the short answer. Section 17(1) defined a "pending land action " as any action or proceeding in court relating to land. In his Lordship's judgment the wife's application fell precisely within that definition. It was a proceeding which claimed a proprietary right in the property, adverse to the husband, the owner. Registration of her claim would have given warning to a purchaser, such as the bank, from the busband.

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The wife's application as a pending land action was registrable in the register of pending actions under section 5(1)(a) of the Land Charges Act. Section 5(7) provided that a pending land action should bind a purchaser without express notice of it unless it was for the time being registered under the section. The great majority of applications for financial relief under the Marimonial Causes Act would not be pending land actions and therefore not registrable; and even where the application was a pending land actions in many if not most cases the reviewable disposition would have been made before the spouse commenced his or her proceedings for financial relief and so no question of registration could ings for financial relief and so no question of registration could arise. But where such proceedings had been commenced, if they were to bind third parties, they should be registered whenever possible. Making such registration imposed minimal hardship on a spouse; but it might cause severe hardship to innocent persons—and at the very least cause great expense and inconvenience in every day commercial transactions—if, third parties were to be affected by constructive notice of matters that were registrable but were in fact not registered.

Accordingly the lack of registra-Accordingly the lack of registration gave the bank a complete
answer. On the more general question, whether the bank had constructive notice of the husband's
intention to defeat, the wife's
claim, his Lordship could not
accept Mr Denyer's submission
that the bank knew that a former
wife was in the background and
should have made inquiries about
whether there were marrimontal whether there were matrimontal proceedings.

It would have been unreasonable for the bank, on the basis of its slight knowledge that the husband had been divorced and had re-married and that the flat was married and that the flat was occupied by some persons offer than the husband, to have made inquiries whether a former wife had any claim to an interest in the property. The property had never been the matrimonial home. The Class F land charge was a complete red herring. A Class F land charge was a complete red herring. A Class F land charge was only registrable by wirtue of the Matrimonial Homes Act, 1967. The consent order ordering the vacation of the land charge was sufficient to allay any suspicious of the bank. In the present case the legal In the present case the legal charge was not a reviewable dis-position within section 37(4) of the Matrimonial Causes Act and

Could not be set aside.

It had to be remembered that a great majority of applications by wives related to the matrimonial home. Where a party applied for a transfer of property order unrelated to the matrimonial home, registration of the application, should afford effective protection against any future disposition. It was only in the exceptional case that his Lordship's decision would prejudice a party's ability to have a disposition set aside under section 37.

Solicitors: Wilde, Sapte & Co; Parry Mackan & Hamilton, Bristol. could not be set aside.

Were Were the taxpayers, in consequence of a transaction in securities, in a position to obtain or had obtained a tax advantage? Lord Wilberforce in IRC v Parker [[1966] AC 141; 178] after referring to the definition of "tax advantages" in section 466, said: The result was that K Ltd was left with a profit of £460.013, made or may possibly be made, hoped to be free from betterment that the taxpayer is in a position levy and with corporation tax only to resist the assessment by saying to resist the assessment by saying that the way in which he received At some stage K Ltd paid what it is sought to tax prevents £69,950 to a company that was him from being taxed on it; and associated with two chartered and Mr Bernard Faber (who also owned and comrolled P Ltd and Mr Bernard Faber (who also what it is sought to tax in another owned and comrolled P Ltd and what it is sought to tax in another way he would have had to bear M Ltd). It had been admitted that tax. In other words, there must that was payment for the carrying them. "receipts" between the actual case where these accrue in a non-mable way with a possible existed because the parties negocase where these actue in a non-mable way with a possible accruer in a taxable way, and un-less this contrast exists, the existence of the advantage is not established."

Thus in deciding whether or not the taxpayers had obtained a tax advantage, it was necessary to dis-cover what it was that the mx-payers had received and then to see whether what had in fact been received could have been received in another, mon-taxable, way. Further, Cleary v IRC ([1968] AC 766) decided that in making Lord Wilberforce's contrast between actual and hypothetical

receipts, the hypothetical receipt did not have to accrue as a result of the same type of transaction (ie, in the same way) as the actual The Crown argued, inter alia, that if the actual receipt of P. Ltd's sheres in a non-taxable way had to be contrasted with a way ind to be contrasted with a hypothetical receipt of those shares in a taxable way, that requirement could be satisfied in the following way. If K. Ltd has used its assets to purchase shares in P

that such a transaction would have been so unusual and extra-ordinary that the court should not assume its possibility. That could not be accepted, especially from the present taxpayers; fad such a procedure offered tax advantage to the taxpayers there was no reason to suppose they would not have done it. Tests hased on the "unusualness" of the suggested hypothetical method of achieving the same result were unworkable. Whose standards of "unusualness" would the court adopt? Its own? The merchant banker? The man on the Clapham omnibus? man on the Clapham omnibus? Or the full-time tax adviser?

Secondly, the taxpayers argued that the shares "hypothetically." received would not be the same as those that were actually received. They said that in the actual state of facts K Ltd was a subsidiary of P Ltd and shareholders in P Ltd would have the henefit nor only of the cash in P. holders in P Lin would have the benefit not only of the cash in P Lid but also the K Lid shares, whereas under the hypothetical transaction P Lid would have no interest in K Ltd. That distinction, however, was not material and could not be accepted. The Crown's argument—its narrower one—must be accepted.

one—must be accepted.

There remained one substantial issue which the taxpayers put in the forefront of their argument, they contended that no tax advantage was obtained merely by the receipt of the P Ltd shares. They had received nothing but shares in P Ltd and that before they could obtain any freely disposable cash for themselves P Ltd would have had to be liquidated, at which stage tax of some kind would have to have been paid on the distribution of its assets.

They placed great reliance on

They placed great reliance on the decision in IRC v Purker. But what was the ratio decidendi of case and the present one: Parker was a case involving only one company whereas in the present

its simeholders the shares so purchased in specie by way of distributed and the share exchange compled with the payment of the dividend femi, the taxpayers would have received P Ltd's shares in a taxable way and Lord Wilberforce's test would have been satisfied.

In answer the taxpayers test would have been satisfied.

In answer the appayers said decided before the Finance Act, that such a transaction would have been so unusual and extra-ordinary that Act introduced circumstance E that was now in section 461 of E that was now in section 481 of the 1970 Act. Although the Crown had not relied on circumstance E, it was relevant for present purposes as it was drafted on the basis that the mere receipt of irredeemable share capital would irredeemable share capital would constitute the receipt of a tax advantage were it not for paragraph 2 and that the receipt of redeemable share capital did constitute a tax advantage even.

> the present case did, the obtaining of a tax advantage. Nor was such a conclusion wholly unreasonable. The taxpayers had received a new item of property capable of being sold. Moreover, by establishing a share premium account in P Ltd, the share exchange might have prevented any shortfall assessments being made on P Ltd. the present case did, the obtaining

> His Lordship expressed concern that the counteraction by the the counteraction by the Crown seemed to be excessive as the taxpayers, who were probably unable to obtain spendable cash without incurring further tax liability, were being taxed as though they had received freely spendable cash by way of dividend. That seemed to be the unfortunate consequence suffered by fortunate consequence suffered by those indulging in artificial devices

Two subsidiary points raised by the taxpayers—that the notices served on them under section 460(3) were defective and that the commissioners had no jurisdiction to affirm the assessments to income

correct and the appeals dismissed Solicitors: Berwin Leighton

## New review of conveyancing fees

Treasury Solicitor v Regester and Another and Another Before Mr Justice Donaldson [Judgment delivered December 21]

His Lordship, who was sitting with Master Graham-Green, Chief Taxing Master, and Mr P. J. Purton, a solicitor, further considered that except (vi)—" the amount or value of any property involved."

Thirdly, he applied that by two to take account of all other factors whatever arithmetical cross-checks with determination of solicitors remuneration for conveyancing work in commercial property and Reversionary Investment Corporation Ltd. v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1975] 1 WLR 1594) (The Times, March 25, 1675) when reviewing an order that the seed on recorded time with applying a multiplier to any figure based on recorded time was wrong to do so. The court figure based on recorded time was wrong to do so. The court was wrong to do so. The court latter that the series of the states of the states of the court state and reasonableness of the final figure. The final figure would result from an exercise in judgment, not arithmetic, whatever arithmetical cross-checks might be employed.

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in commercial property and made
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by Master Wright that the costs
of the defendants, Mr Paul
Regester and Mr Colin McInerney, partners in the solicitors
firm of Ward Bowle, of Basingstoke, should be reduced from
19,085,50—£9,000 professional
charges and £55.50 for disbursements—to £6,935.50, of which
£35.50 represented disbursements.
The same court sat in the Reversionary case.
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It is screened ([1975] 1 WLR 1594) (The Times, March 25, 1975), when reviewing an order figure based on recorded time—1975), when reviewing an order factor (iii)—but did not expressly by Master Wright that the costs of the defendants, Mr Paul Regester and Mr Colin McInerney, partners in the solicitors' firm of Ward Bowle, of Basingstoke, should be reduced from 19,085.50—19,000 professional charges and 285.50 for disbursements.—The same court sat in the Reversionary case.

The costs were payable by the Department of the Environment, who sought a review on their behalf by the Treasury Solicitor, for professional charges in concerning with the preparation, settlement and completion of an agreement for a lease of offices and approved scale applied to value, it was necessarily and the proportion of the Environment, was about 14,500.

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Mit in Francis Bartow for the Pressury Solicitor: the ministing about the day's problems the university being this bis cost and the Pressury Solicitors submitted that their bill was fully justified as being fair and reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances and, in particular, the eight specific matters referred to in paragraph 2 of the Solicitors Remuneration Order, 1972. The Treasury Solicitor, on behalf of the Secretary of State, Contended that, having regard to similar considerations, fair and reasonable, able remuneration would fall the results of the secretary of State, Contended that, having regard to similar considerations, fair and reasonable remuneration would fall the remuneration would be remuneration would be remuneration wo

'Utter' in Coinage Offences Act Regina v Walmsley and Others
The Court of Appeal, dismissing spreads on a point of law against convictions for consplracy to unter connected coins, held that the word "utter" in section 5(1) of the Colnage Offences Act, 1936, included sale. The appellants had sold copies of old coins which were no longer legal tender but were deemed to be current coin of the realm by reason of section 17(b). The word "utter" is not defined in the Act.

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LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH, sitting with Mr Justice Cusack and Mr Justice Croom-Johnson, said that section 5(1) provided that the section 5(1) provided that "Every person who tenders, in evidence, or puts off any false or counterfeit coin resembling any current coin knowing it to be false or counterfeit, shall be gullty" of an offence. Bearing in mind the definition in section 17(b) that "a coin shall be deemed to be current if it has been coined in any of His Majesty's Mints", section 5(1) should be read as "Every person who tenders, interest or puts off coined document ..."

In Selby v DPP [[1972] A which was concerned with the meaning of putting forth an old coin and, within the context of the section, putting off coin means, to my forth as genuine.

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as introduced by section 17(b).

The appellants had relied on Resina v McMahon (1894) 15
NSWR 131) in which Mr. Justice Foster said: "We think uttering coin implies using it as current coin for the purpose of currency". That restricted definition was unnecessary for the ratio of that decision and although that definition of "utters" might be binding in Australia it was no more than persuasive authority in England.

In Selby v DPP [[1972] AC 515), which was concerned with the in-

In Selby v DPP ([1972] AC 515), which was concerned with the intention of a person dealing with counterfeit coins, Lord Cross (at p 544) said: "To unter a counterfeit coin means, to my mind, prima facile, to pass it or try to pass it as genuine. . "That sentence, if used as a definition, would be appropriate to cover the facts of the present case

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Bearing in mind that, following IRC v Joiner ([1975] 1 WLR 1701) sections 460 and 461 had to be construed as a single legislative act, without regard to their legislative bistory, the clear implication was that the mere receipt of shares could constitute, and in the present case did, the obtaining

#### REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY ENTIDAD BINACIONAL PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSORTIA OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE YACYRETA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 31st day of December 1977.

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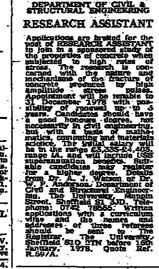
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Bold 10:10, The King of Argos.
10.35, Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe. \* 10.55, Film:
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6.00 Zoo.
6.30 Film: Carry on Up The
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7.55, Happy Ever After.
8.25 The Liver Birds.
9.00 News.
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9.15 Film: Bonnie and Clyde, with Warren Beatty, Faye Dunaway.
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10.02, Victor Stivester and His Orthestra, 11.02, Len Jackson. 12.00-12.05 am, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Word! 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.

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6.19, Homeward Bound. 6.39, The People's Gratorio. 7.00, Music, Maestro, Please. 7.30, Music for Two Pianos: Ravel, Cole Porter, Bennett, Gershwin.† 8.10. Ravel.† 8.30, Music Now. 9.15, A State of Equilibrium, by Brian Beedham. 10.00, Verdi Requiem.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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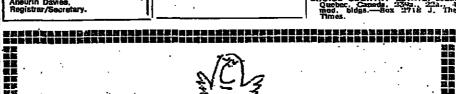
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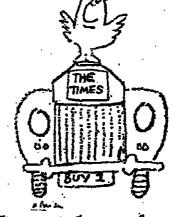
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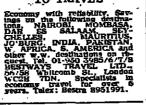
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